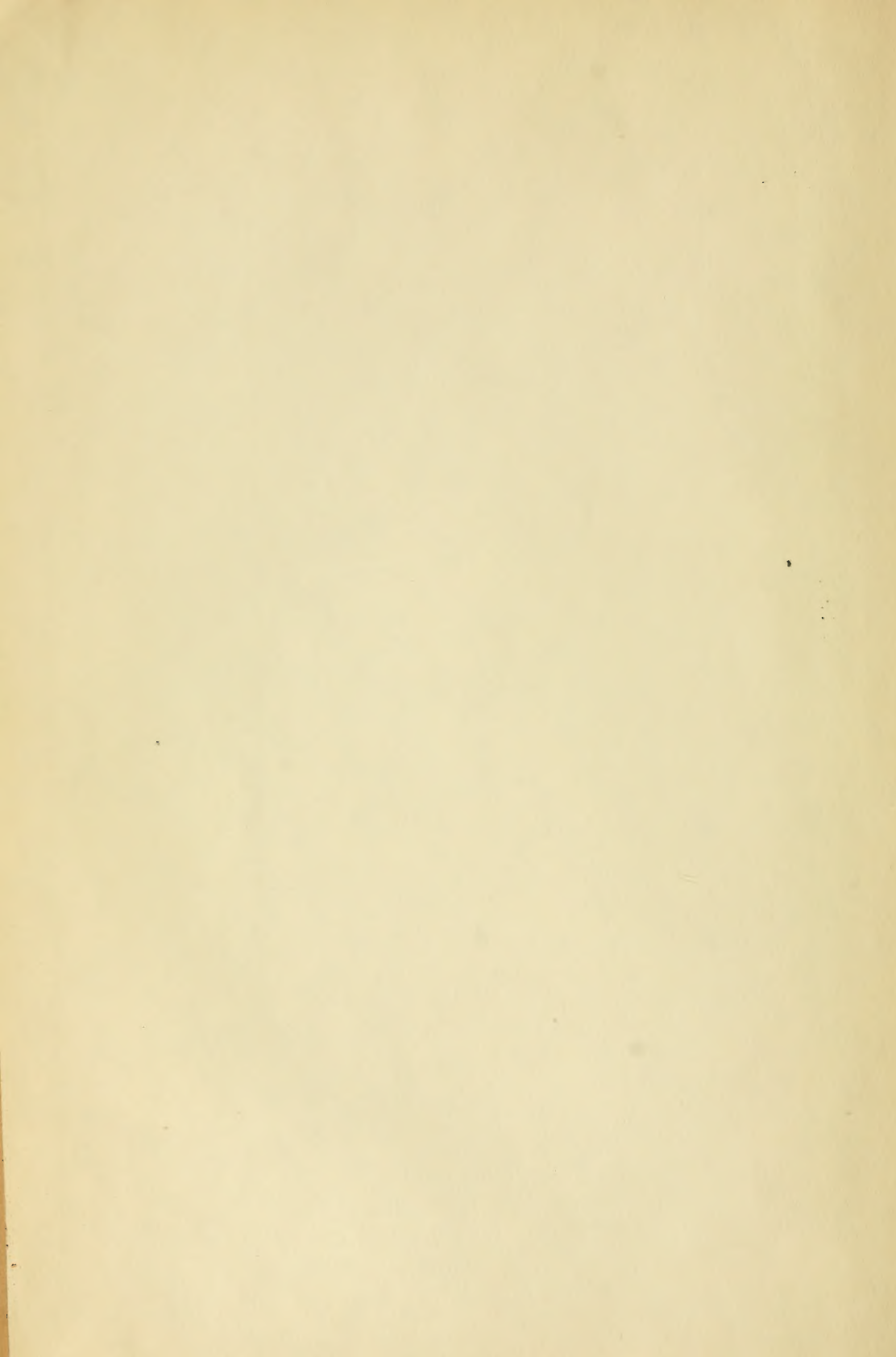




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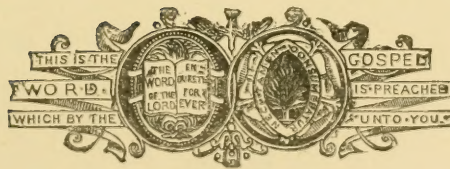
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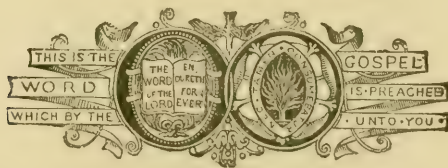
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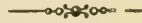
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FIRST SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Monday,
Church, on Monday, the 30th day April 30th.
of April, 1883, at Half-past Six
o'clock p.m.

Which time and place the Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of England, and Ruling Elders, Commissioners to the Synod of said Church, appointed to be held at London this day, convened; and public worship was conducted by the Rev. WILLIAM McCaw, D.D., Minister at Trinity Church, Manchester, and Moderator of last Synod, who preached from Rev. v. 6:—"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne, and of the living creatures, and of the Elders, stood a Lamb," &c.

Thereafter, and the services of the sanctuary having been concluded, Constituted, the Synod was constituted with prayer by Dr. McCaw.

Dr. McCaw reported that the Board of Nomination appointed by last Synod have nominated the Rev. JOHN EDMOND, D.D., Minister at High- Moderator Appointed.
bury, London, as the Moderator of this Synod. The Synod cordially confirmed the nomination; and Dr. EDMOND, by desire of the House, took the chair and delivered a suitable address.

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James Maltman, M.A.	Col. Sir G. Brooke-Pechell, Bart.	Holybourne
Alexander Jeffrey	Mr. James Buchanan	Ipswich
W. Millar Nicolson, M.A., D.Sc.	Patrick Neill	Jersey
James Ferguson	William Carruthers, F.R.S.	Lewes
Adolph Saphir, D.D.	G. W. C. Shield	London, Belgrave
* David Alexander	Thomas Bell	" Bermondsey
James M. Erskine	Robert Young	" Blackheath
* Hugh McIntosh, M.A.	Robert Wales	" Bow Road
J. Reid Howatt	A. Thomas	" Brockley
George Wilson, B.A.	John W. Prebble	" Camberwell
David McEwan, D.D.	John Duncan	" Camden Road
Matthew Davison	William Tulloch	" Canonbury
Gavin Carlyle, M.A.	James E. Russell	" Clapham Road
William H. Edmonds	William Rankine	" Clapton
	William Brander	" Crouch Hill
	Jonn Leggat	" Ealing
	David Gibb	" East India Road
	* George Taylor	" <i>East Moulsey</i>
George Elder, M.A.	Thomas Watson	" Forest Hill
Henry Miller	Dr. William C. Fowler	" Greenwich
John Matheson, M.A.	James L. Maxwell	" Hammersmith
John Edmond, D.D.	Mr. William Wood	" Hampstead
J. Thain Davidson, D.D.	John Lamont	" Highbury
Charles Moinet, M.A.	John M. Grant	" Islington
Charles J. Whitmore	Hugh M. Matheson	" Kensington
Thomas Anderson	John Y. Henderson	" Kentish Town
Donald Fraser, D.D.	Arthur M. Fraser	" Kingston-on-
Thomas J. Dixon	George Duncan	Thames
William Dale	* Thomas W. Thacker	" Marylebone
Hugh S. Paterson, M.D.	James Hardie	" Milwall
Andrew W. Carmichael	George W. Brown	" New Barnet
Donald Matheson, M.A.	Donald Matheson	" Notting Hill
J. Oswald Dykes, D.D.	Ninian Merrylees	" Oxendon
John Mauchlen	William Garden	" Putney
John Monro Gibson, D.D.	John Thomson	" Regent Square
Z. B. Woffendale	Thomas Sharer	" Richmond
Verner M. White, LL.D.	John T. Reading	" St. John's Wood
Joseph Fisher, D.D.	William Paterson	" <i>Silvertown</i>
Alexander Stirling	John N. Boyd	" Somers Town
George Wilson, M.A.	Charles Kynoch	" South Kensington
James Beattie	Gainsford Bruce	" Southwark
W. Anderson, D.D.	A. Sandison	" Stepney
David Fotheringham	John T. Pritchett	" Stoke Newington
Robert Taylor	Rev. William Wright, D.D.	" Stratford
William Harris	Mr. G. Roe	" Streatham
Jas. Cunningham, M.A.	Harry L. Millar	" Tooting
Walter Morison, D.D.	Dr. D. H. Small	" Tottenham
W. Gray Elmslie, M.A.	Rev. David Blleloch	" Upper Norwood
William Ballantyne, } <i>Emeritus, Clerk</i>	* Mr. Walter Brodie	" Victoria Docks
Duncan Macrae }	John Strachan	" Wandsworth
		" Westbourne Grove
		" Whitefield, St. Giles's
		" Willesden
		" Wood Green

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—*Continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
* Rev. William M. Thomson, <i>Emeritus</i>	Mr. John Edgar	London, Woolwich, New Road
William Raitt, Ph.D.	James McKinlay	St. Andrew's
J. A. Rentoul, LL.D.	John Garrett	Norwich
William A. McAllan	Robert Whyte	Portsmouth
W. Kennedy Moore, D.D.	* Alexander Warren	Rangoon
* William Kidd	Robert Morton	Reading
J. T. Campbell-Gullan	Jas. C. Stevenson, M.P.	St. Leonard's-on-Sea
J. Jeffrey Johnstone	John Warner	Silverhill, Hastings
Wm. Armstrong, M.A.		
* Alex. S. McPhee, M.A.	* Jasper Young	Singapore
B.D.	G. Y. Mercer	Southampton, St. Andrew's
Robert Vint, M.A., B.D.	Dr. J. H. Aldridge	Totton
* John Johnstone	Lieut.-Col. Hillyard	Woolston
* Wesley A. Rodger	Mr. S. W. Sandford	Wallington
James Stuart, M.A.		

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. Arthur McArthur	Mr. Thomas P. Lourie	Blackburn, Mount St.
A. B. Grosart, LL.D.	* James Watson	St. George's
Thomas B. Johnstone	Edwin Melrose	Bolton
Robert S. Coffey	James Mather	Bradford
Robert W. Roberts	Charles H. Johnson	Crews
Duncan Sillars	Peter Comrie	Leeds, Cavendish Road
		St. Columba
Walter Duncan	Alexander Forrest	Manchester, Ancoats
Wm. T. Johnston, B.A.	James Russell	Bowdon
W. Rigby Murray	Thomas Hall	Brunswick St.
John Schlater	John Wilson	Coupland St.
William D. Fairbairn, M.A.	Silas Clarke	Eccles
Hugh Rose, M.A.	Thomas Barber	Grosvenor Sq.
William Young, B.A.	Robert Barclay	Higher Broughton
Alex. Bannatyne, M.A.	John Galloway	Longsight
	John Muir	Pendleton
James Lees	William Lindsay	St. Andrew's
J. Thoburn McGaw, M.A.	John Ewan	Sale
John Reid, M.A.	George McCormick	Salford
William McCaw, D.D.		
<i>Synod Clerk</i>	Hugh L. McInnes	Trinity
David R. Cowan	Thomas Evans	Whalley Range
Benjamin Bell, B.D.	Alexander Guthrie	Withington
		<i>Oldham</i>
Samuel Macnaughton, M.A.	James Purves	Preston
William H. Elliot	John Parker	Ramsbottom
* James Cleland, <i>Emeritus</i>	* James Parlane	Risley
* A. H. Drysdale, M.A.	Robert Coutts	Rochdale
James Breaky	John A. Beith	Sheffield
		Tunley
Jas. Warnock, M.A., B.D.	James Paterson	Warrington
Jno. Gordon, M.A. <i>Clerk</i>	David Burt	Wharton
Enoch Franks	David McKay	Wigan

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
*Rev. John Morris, <i>Emeritus</i> William W. Ney Alexander Baillie James Craig Alexander Ewing Alexander L. Henderson M. Gardiner Campbell, M.A. Robert Stewart, M.A. John T. Lloyd * John Reid, jun., M.A. Alexander Lobban John M. Wilson * James Milligan * John C. Weir William Profeit, M.A. * George Bell Jno. B. Hastings, M.A. } Richard Leitch Robert Brown James Carswell, M.A. Alexander Phimister James G. Potter John B. Meharry, B.A. * John Thompson, M.A. David Tasker * William T. Bankhead, M.A. John King, M.A. Thomas Robinson * John Brown Sylvester M. McClelland * William Steele, M.A. James Mackenzie, <i>Clerk</i> * John Parker, jun. * William Fiskien J. Robertson Howat, M.A., B.D. W. Ainslie Walton, M.A., B.D. William Dryburgh, M.A., B.D. * John Parker, sen., } <i>Emeritus</i> John W. Ellison, M.A. } James S. Rae William Fairweather Gustavus J. Goodman Wm. Stuart, M.A., B.D. * Adam T. Landreth James Craig	Mr. John Armstrong Robert Cranston Thomas Luke Richard Hettle Peter Mitchell George G. Bruce William T. Davidson George Gray T. Y. Strachan William Colbert Thomas P. Dods Mark Easton John Livingston James Hepburn James Alexander George Bell, Jun. Thomas Hodge Alexander Morrison William Jobson William Stuart George T. Davidson William Sutton James Walkinshaw Peter Brown Rev. Thomas White Mr. John Sinclair James Renton Alexander Purves William Cay John L. Hall George A. Tate James Young * William Cochran * Magnus Mail John Eggleston A. H. McBride John Porteous William Gilhome John Nesbitt Dr. Hugh Fraser Hurst Mr. Joseph Davidson Rev. J. Collingwood Bruce, LL.D. Mr. John Mellis	Bellingham Blackhill Blyth, Bridge Street " Waterloo Road Durham Falstone Gateshead, Durham Road " Ellison Street Gosforth Hebburn Hexham Houghton-le-Spring Jarrow, Ellison Street " St. Kilda's Killingworth Newcastle, Barras Bridge " Blackett Street " Erskine " Heaton " John Knox " St. George's " Trinity " Westmoreland Road North Shields, Howard St. " Northumber- land Square Seaham Seaton Burn Seaton Delaval South Shields, Laygate " Mile End Rd. " St. John's " St. Paul's Stamfordham Sunderland, N. Bridge St. " St. George's " St. Stephen's " Smyrna " Trinity Swalwell Walker Wallsend Wark Willington Quay

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. William Limont	Mr. Luke Scott	Alnwick, Clayport Street
David Donaldson	James Davison	" Lisburn Street
Robert McNair	John Bolam	" St. James's
* Alexander Forsyth	J. R. McDonald	Bavington
* Ebenezer G. Dall	William Melles	Bedlington
* Thomas Newlands	* George Waddell	Birdhopecraig
* James Blythe, M.A.	John Scadlock	Branton
William S. Spence	James Riddell	Embleton
James Lemon	Robert Amos	Felton
* Robert H. Davidson	James Dryden	Glantou
* John Scott	William Cameron	Harbottle
* William R. Barrie	Affleck Fraser	Longframlington
Findlay E. McGillivray	W. S. Wilkinson	Morpeth
* Allan Wilson	John Thorburn	Newbiggin
George Henderson	* David Douglass	North Middleton
Robert P. Douglas	Henry Burn	North Sunderland
* David S. Fergus, M.A.	Thomas H. Robson	Otterburn
* William Addison	James R. Robertson	Thropton
Wm. Rogerson, <i>Clerk</i>	W. P. Sinclair	Warenford
* Matthew Edwards, M.A.	Dr. Leone Levi	Warkworth
* James L. Muirhead	Mr. James Farquharson	Widdrington
* James McLeish	James Heatley	Wooler, Cheviot Street
* James A. Huie	* William Duncan	" Tower Hill
		" West Chapel

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS FROM THE UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

*Rev. David Young, D.D., <i>Moderator</i>	Rev. W. S. Goodall, M.A.
George Hutton, D.D.	John P. Mitchell, M.A., <i>Ministers.</i>
James Stevenson	*Mr. David Corsar
* James Black, D.D.	* Forrest Frew
* James Buchanan	* David Mc Cowan
* John Clark, M.A., <i>Kirkcaldy</i>	* Duncan McLaren, Jun., <i>Elders.</i>

Note A.—The Places in *italics* in the preceding Roll are Preaching Stations.

Note B.—Members whose names have an asterisk (*) prefixed, not having given in Attendance Cards, there is no record of their having been present at the Synod.

Standing
Orders.

The Standing Orders of the Synod were adopted, and were held as read.

Ministerial
Changes.

The Synod called for the Report of the Ministerial Changes that have taken place during the past Synodical year, which Report was given in by the Clerk.

The Synod receive the Report, and order it to be preserved along with the other Reports submitted to the House.

Rev. Dr.
Anderson.

In connection with this Report the attention of the Synod was

called to the death of the Rev. Dr. Anderson, of Morpeth ; and a Committee was appointed, to be named by the Selection Committee, to prepare a suitable Minute with reference thereto, and to report to a future diet.

The thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Rev. Dr. McCaw, for Thanks. his conduct in the Chair at the last meeting of Synod, and for the sermon this evening delivered.

The Synod appointed the following Committees :—

I.—Committee on Bills and Business.

Committees.

NOMINATED BY PRESBYTERIES.—*Ministers*—Revs. John Smith, A. Alexander, John Robertson, George MacKay, Thomas Dods, James Brown, Archibald Gardner, Dr. Morison, Dr. Fraser, Charles Moinet, W. Rigby Murray, John Gordon, Thomas Robinson, A. Forsyth, and Richard Leitch. *Elders*—Messrs. R. Hedley, R. Sumner, Hugh M. Matheson, George Duncan, Robert Morton, George Bell, and W. S. Wilkinson.

NOMINATED BY SYNOD.—*Ministers*—Revs. Dr. MacLeod, Robert H. Lundie, George Johnstone, Dr. Chalmers, Dr. Dykes, W. Ballantyne, George Bell, Dr. Grosart, W. Young, J. Reid, sen., with the Clerk and General Secretary. *Elders*—Messrs. James Robertson, Samuel Smith, R. T. Turnbull, James C. Stevenson, Dr. Bruce, Samuel Stitt, G. B. Bruce, Dr. Leone Levi, and J. R. Robertson. *Convener*—Rev. Dr. Fraser. *Clerk*—Rev. John Reid, sen.

II.—Committee on Commissions and Records.

Ministers—Revs. James B. Thorburn, Joseph Wood, James Christie, John Watson, John Bogue, David Henderson, Robert Duff, Dr. Graham, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. MacEwan, Dr. Paterson, John Sclater, J. Thoburn McGaw, W. H. Elliot, John Thompson, William Rogerson, James Mackenzie, and William Limont. *Elders*—Messrs. Archibald Macnicoll, Alexander Guthrie, Rev. J. Ker, James Byers, W. D. Anderson, Walter Graham, John Gunn, Andrew Mouat, Thomas Holder, William Moffat, William Carruthers, Gainsford Bruce, Robert Whyte, John Bell, and Robert Amos. *Convener*—Rev. Dr. MacEwan. *Clerk*—Rev. J. T. McGaw.

Committees. III.—Selection Committee.

NOMINATED BY PRESBYTERIES.—*Ministers*—Revs. Alexander Dalrymple, R. Macnair, Alexander Davidson, Charles Friskin, J. T. McGaw, Alexander Forsyth, James Mackenzie. *Elders*—Mr. J. D. Philip and Mr. Thomas Bell. *Conveners of Standing Committees*—Mr. George B. Bruce, Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Dr. Edmond, Rev. R. H. Lundie, Dr. Fraser, Dr. MacEwan, Dr. Dykes, Rev. James Towers, Dr. Levi, Dr. J. Monro Gibson, Mr. George Duncan, Rev. James Muir, Rev. James Christie, and Dr. McCaw. *Convener*—Rev. Dr. Dykes. *Clerk*—Rev. James Muir.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock for the observance of the Lord's Supper, and thereafter for ordinary business; of which public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

 SECOND SEDERUNT.

Tuesday, May
1st.

*At London, and within Regent Square
Church, on Tuesday, the 1st day
of May, 1883, at Ten o'Clock a.m.*

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Lord's Supper. The Synod proceeded to the observance of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, the Moderator conducting the service, assisted by the Revs. Dr. J. Monro Gibson, John Smith, John Watson, and John Matheson.

The solemn service having been concluded—the Synod still continuing constituted—the Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

Synod resumed. The Synod resumed at Half-past Eleven.

Minutes sustained. The Minutes of last evening's Sederunt were read and sustained.

Elders' Commissions. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Elders' Commissions, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, Convener, to the effect that Commissions have been received from two hundred and seventy-two out of two hundred and seventy-nine congregations, and that all the Commissions are in regular order.

On his motion, the Report is received, and all the Commissions are sustained.

There was laid on the table and read a Commission from the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, bearing that the following brethren have been appointed the Synod's Corresponding Members to this Meeting of Synod, namely:—The Rev. the Moderator—Dr. Young, Rev. Dr. Hutton, Paisley; Rev. James Stevenson, North Leith; Rev. Dr. Black, Glasgow; Rev. James Buchanan, Edinburgh; Rev. John Clark, Kirkcaldy; Rev. W. S. Goodall, Stewarton; Rev. J. P. Mitchell, Cupar, *Ministers*: David Corsar, Esq., Arbroath; Forrest Frew, Esq., Helensburgh; David McCowan, Esq., Glasgow; and Duncan McLaren, Jun., Esq., Edinburgh, *Elders*. Corresponding Members.

The Commission was sustained. Those Corresponding Members who were present were received and welcomed by the Moderator and the House, and the Rev. James Stevenson responded in appropriate terms.

The Report of the Committee on Bills and Business was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener, and received by the Synod, who resolved that the business be taken up in the order therein suggested. Bills and Business.

The Synod took up Applications from the Presbytery of London—in favour of the Rev. W. H. Jellie and the Rev. Andrew Lees; from the Presbytery of Manchester, in favour of the Rev. W. Thornbeck; from the Presbytery of Darlington, in favour of the Rev. Ellis Hewitt—to the effect that these Ministers be received into the Ministry of this Church; and from the Presbytery of London, in favour of Mr. J. Mitchell, Licentiate, to the effect that he be received as a Probationer of this Church. Applications by Ministers.

The Synod receive the Applications, and remit them to a Committee to be named by the Selection Committee, with instructions to consider them and report to a subsequent Sederunt.

The Synod took up Applications—from the Presbytery of Liverpool, in behalf of the Preaching Stations at Walton and Marsh Lane, and from the Presbytery of London, in behalf of the Preaching Stations at Silvertown and East Moulsey—to the effect that these Stations be erected into sanctioned charges, as soon as it may seem expedient to the respective Presbyteries that this be done. Applications from Stations.

The Synod receive the Applications, and refer them to a Committee to be appointed by the Selection Committee, with instructions to consider them, and report to a future diet.

Reference.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Carlisle, in the case of the Rev. Alexander King, of Whitehaven.

The Synod, without in the meantime asking the Reference to be stated, remit it to a Committee, to be nominated by the Selection Committee, with instructions to cite the parties interested, consider the Reference, and report to a subsequent diet—it being understood that the rights of parties are reserved.

Petition.

A Petition from the Rev. George Mole, formerly a Minister of the Newcastle Presbytery, was taken up by the Synod.

The Synod referred the Petition to a Committee, to be named by the Selection Committee, with instructions to cite parties concerned, consider the case, and report to the Synod, it being understood that the rights of parties are reserved.

And the Synod authorised the Selection Committee to retire from the Court at once, to make these several nominations.

Home Mission.

The Synod called for the Report of the Home Mission Committee, which, being printed and in the hands of the Members, was referred to by Mr. George B. Bruce, Convener, who addressed the Synod in regard to it.

On his motion (1) the Synod receive the Report.

It was also moved by the Convener, and seconded,

2. The Synod observe with thankfulness to Almighty God that some progress has been made in the extension of the Church during the past year, and trust that fresh energy may be displayed in this department of the Church's work, which seeks to provide the ordinances of the Gospel for the ever increasing population of our beloved land.

3. Approve of what the Committee have done in obedience to the resolution of Synod in re-establishing the Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund, and in view of the great importance of the object sought to be attained, earnestly enjoin all Presbyteries and Congregations to use every effort to raise the required sum.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment, that the following addition be made to Resolution 3 :—That the Synod instruct the Home Mission Committee to abandon the uniform grant of £750, and that each application for aid in Church building be considered on its merits.

After consideration, the Synod resolved to take the sense of the House, and to do so by a show of hands, when it was found that the Motion was carried by a large majority, wherefore the Synod resolved in terms thereof.

Further, in connection with the Home Mission Report,

4. The Synod are devoutly thankful to find that so large a proportion of the Congregations of the Church are actively engaged in Evangelistic work amongst the masses both old and young, and trust that, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, personal service in seeking to reclaim the heathen at home will speedily become more general, and be followed by a richer harvest.

Further, the Synod recognise, in the powerful masses of our population who are living outside the direct influence of the Christian Church, and who are not reached by the ordinary methods of its mission work, a danger to the State, and an urgent call to the Church under the Divine guidance to devise, and when discovered, generously to support and earnestly to prosecute such measures as shall be best adapted to win them to the faith of Christ.

5. The Synod receive with thankfulness the reports of the Deputies who, commissioned by last Synod, visited the Congregations in the Presbyteries of Darlington and Bristol ‘with a view to their spiritual encouragement and quickening’; thank the Brethren who kindly undertook this duty, and look confidently for the fruit of their labours in the increased life and power of these Congregations in the Master’s service.

Resolve that the Congregations in the Presbytery of Carlisle, and the South Coast Congregations in the Presbytery of London, be visited during the ensuing year, and that the visitors be the Revs. Dr. A. B. Grosart, Wm. Fraser, R. H. Lundie, John Smith, William Dale, with Messrs. Thomas Bell, F. Johnstone, Robert Amos, and William Sutton.

6. The Synod are glad to observe the efforts which are being made all over the Church ‘towards the attainment of fuller life and greater efficiency in Sabbath School work,’ and are persuaded that no more important object can engage the prayerful and earnest attention of the

Ministers, Office-bearers, and Courts of the Church. And especially in view of the increased extent of secular education, commend the Sabbath Schools to the sympathetic and careful supervision of Sessions and Presbyteries.

Overture.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Manchester, recommending such changes in the Rules for the administration of the Home Mission Fund as would enable the Committee to make provision for assisting regular congregations in Evangelistic work.

The Overture having been read, was supported by the Rev. John Selater and the Rev. S. Macnaughton.

It was moved and seconded, that the desired changes be made.

It was moved and seconded as an Amendment, that it is inexpedient to make any such changes.

The Synod resolved to proceed to the vote, and to take it by a show of hands; when it was found that the Amendment was carried by a majority; wherefore the Synod resolved in the terms thereof.

Ramsbottom.

There was read an Extract Minute from the Records of the Home Mission Committee, reporting to the Synod an exceptional grant of £100 made to the congregation of Ramsbottom.

The Synod receive the Report, and approve of the action of the Committee.

Selection
Committee.

The Selection Committee reported through its Convener, Dr. Dykes, that it had nominated, by instruction of Synod, the following Committees, namely:

I.—On the Minute anent the Rev. Dr. Anderson.

Ministers—Revs. Principal Chalmers, Professor Graham, John Reid, sen., Jas. Blythe, and Alexander Forsyth. *Elder*—Mr. J. C. Stevenson, M.P. *Convener*—Principal Chalmers.

II.—On Applications for Admission into the Church.

Ministers—Revs. Principal Chalmers, R. McNair of Alnwick, J. M. McKerrow, John B. Meharry, J. Howie Boyd, and John Reid, sen. *Elders*—Messrs. G. B. Bruce, W. Sutton, Alex. Guthrie of Liverpool, Robt. Hedley, George Hetherington, and Walter Graham. *Convener*—Rev. John Reid, sen.

III.—On Applications anent Preaching Stations.

Ministers—Revs. J. T. McGaw, James Mackenzie, J. B. Thorburn,

John Bogue, Richard Leitch, and John More. *Elders*—Messrs. T. P. Dods, Robt. Amos, H. L. McInnes, Geo. Bell, jun., R. T. Turnbull, and Thomas Holder. *Convener*—Rev. James Mackenzie.

IV.—On the Reference from Carlisle Presbytery.

Ministers—Revs. Dr. J. Monro Gibson, Wm. Hutton, Robert Cowan, John Smith, W. A. Walton, John Watson, and William Young. *Elders*—Messrs. Geo. Duncan, Thos. Hepburn, W. P. Sinclair, Charles H. Johnson, J. C. Stevenson, M.P., Saml. Stitt, and Thomas Bell. *Convener*—Rev. Dr. J. Monro Gibson.

V.—On the Rev. Geo. Mole's Petition.

Ministers—Revs. Geo. Johnstone, J. Christie, John Selater, Wm. Dale, and Wm. Rogerson. *Elders*—Messrs. W. D. Anderson, Alex. Forrest, Rev. Dr. Wright, and Mr. W. S. Wilkinson. *Convener*—Rev. George Johnstone.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

The Presbytery of Berwick craved, and the Synod granted, leave for ^{Berwick Pres-} that Court to meet for special business during the interval between the ^{bytery.} Sederunts.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock, of Adjournment, which public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square ^{Tuesday,}
Church, on Tuesday, the 1st day ^{May 1st.}
of May, 1883, at Six o'Clock p.m.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted ^{Constituted.} with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

The Sederunt was devoted entirely to the interests of the Home and ^{Missions.} Jewish and Foreign Missions of the Church.

The Report of the Jewish Mission Committee was submitted by the Jewish. Rev. Dr. Edmond, Convener—the Chair of Synod being occupied meanwhile by the Rev. Dr. Fraser.

Jewish.

On the Convener's motion,

The Synod express their satisfaction that the work of this Mission has during the year been faithfully prosecuted, with enlarged opportunities of access to the Jewish people, and record their thankfulness that the health and strength of the estimable Missionary, notwithstanding pressure of domestic trial, and some increase of service consequent on the resignation of his former assistant, Mr. Caplan, have been graciously sustained. The Synod further observe with interest that some steps have been taken towards the expansion of the Mission, regard with warm approval the idea of a Medical Mission to some suitable station in Palestine, and welcome the thought of joint Missionary action in the Jewish field between the United Presbyterian Church and our own, as connected by federal bonds, instruct their Committee accordingly to prosecute their inquiries and correspondence with the view of action on these lines, empowering them to enter into such wise and well-considered arrangements as shall be fitted to call forth the interest and liberality of our people.

Rev. T. J.
Meyer.

The Synod was addressed by the Rev. T. J. Meyer on his Mission Work among Jews in London.

Rev. Z. B.
Woffendale.

The Rev. Z. B. Woffendale addressed the Synod on Evangelistic Work among the masses of the people.

Foreign.

The Report of the Foreign Missions Committee was given in by the Convener, Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, who addressed the House on the subject.

On his motion--The Synod rejoice to hear that the Mission in China continues to receive such manifold tokens of the Divine blessing. They observe with satisfaction that the consolidation of the Native Church has been further advanced by the settlement of four additional native pastors over self-sustaining congregations, or groups of congregations. The establishment of a Medical Mission in the large interior city of Chin-chew, and the permanent residence there of Dr. Grant, is an important step in advance. So also is the inauguration of a central interior station for the Mission to the Hak-kas, under Mr. MacIver and Dr. Riddel.

The Synod express much sympathy with Mr. Gordon under his enforced retirement from the field on account of ill health, and earnestly trust that his return home may be blessed to his restoration.

The Synod welcome Dr. Morison from Rampore Bauleah, and trust that his health may be so invigorated by his stay in this country as to admit of his returning ere long to resume his important and interesting Mission in Bengal.

The Synod express satisfaction at hearing of the progress of the vice-regal inquiry into the working of the Education Act in India, and instruct the Committee, when the Report of the Commissioners appears, to use such means as they may find desirable, in co-operation with other Missionary bodies, to secure the best interests of education in that great country, on the lines so well laid down in the well-known Despatch of 1854.

The Synod view with profound thankfulness the marked growth of interest in the cause of the Missions manifested in every Presbytery by the increased contributions sent in during the year; and they affectionately commend these Missions to the prayerful sympathy, and to the continued liberal support of the Church.

The Synod was then addressed successively by the Rev. David Smith, Addresses. of Formosa, on Mission Work in that Island; by the Rev. John C. Gibson, Swatow, on the work in that district; by Dr. Morison, of Rampore Bauleah, on the importance and success of Medical Missions in that part of India; and by the Rev. John Smith, on the Claims of all these Missions to the sympathy, prayers, and support of the Church.

The addresses were interspersed with devotional services of praise Devotions. and prayer; and a stimulating and solemnising meeting was brought to a close at Ten o'clock.

The Synod adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten Adjournment. o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Wednesday,
Church, on Wednesday, the 2nd day May 2nd.
of May, 1883, at Ten o'clock a.m.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted Constituted. with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Minutes sus-
tained.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read and sustained.

Business.

A supplementary Report from the Business Committee was submitted by Dr. Fraser, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve to take up the business in the order therein suggested.

Presbyterian
Alliance.

The Convener of the Business Committee submitted a verbal Report from that Committee in reference to the election of Six Delegates—three Ministers and three Elders—to the next Council of the Presbyterian Alliance which is to meet in Belfast in June 1884—to the effect that, in the Committee's judgment, the election should be made by ballot, that the Selection Committee should be instructed to suggest the names of nine Ministers and nine Elders, for the purpose of guiding the House in taking a ballot, it being understood that members in voting are not to be restricted to the names so suggested; and that the ballot should be taken at Seven o'clock on Thursday evening.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

Union
Thanksgiving
Fund.

The Synod called for the Report of the Union Thanksgiving Fund Committee, which was given in by Mr. Samuel Stitt, Joint Convener.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report, with thanks to the Committee for their diligence, and with the object of gathering in the fragments which remain and completing their work reappoint the Committee in the hope of a final Report at next Meeting.

Publications.

The Report of the Publications Committee was submitted by the Rev. Dr. J. Monro Gibson, Convener.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report; record satisfaction with the work of the year; request Ministers and Elders throughout the Church to co-operate with the Committee in endeavouring to increase the circulation of the 'Messengers' and the other publications referred to in the Report; and once more commend the claims of the uncompleted Capital Fund to the attention of the Presbyteries.

Hymn Book.

The Synod called for the Report of the Hymn Book Committee, which was given in by the Rev. W. Rigby Murray, Convener.

It was moved by the Convener, and seconded—

First Motion.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report; recommend Sessions to introduce 'Church Praise' into the services of the Sanctuary and the School, and to encourage its use in the homes of the people; authorise the Moderator to sign and confirm the agreement entered into by the

Committee with the publishers; discharge the Committee with thanks for their labours, for the purpose of promoting the improvement of the service of praise throughout the Church, and representing the interests of the Synod in its relations to the publishers; further determine that any profit accruing to the Synod from the sale of the book, in all or any of its parts, shall be given to the fund for Widows and Orphans; finally, in regard to the Bible Psalter, resolve that the Preface by Sir H. Oakley be withdrawn when it is bound up with the Metrical Psalter and the Psalms.

It was moved and seconded, as a second motion—

Second
Motion

That a Committee be appointed to confer with the publishers as to the terms of the agreement affecting the property of the Hymn Book, and report to a future diet of the Synod.

It was moved and seconded, as a third motion—

Third
Motion.

That the Synod withhold its imprimatur from any Book of Praise for use in this Church, which by a mere selection of Psalms or portions of Psalms, implies that there are Psalms or portions unsuited for the praise of the Sanctuary.

It was moved and seconded, as a fourth motion—

Fourth
Motion.

That in order to secure that the Book of Praise should be free from anything objectionable to the Synod, and further with a view, if possible, to make arrangements for its publication more in harmony with the feeling of the Synod, the whole subject be remitted to the Committee with instructions to report at next meeting.

After reasoning, it was resolved that the second motion be adopted; that the Selection Committee meet at once to nominate the Committee referred to; that that Committee's Report be received as the first item of business on Thursday evening; and that meanwhile the remaining three motions lie on the table.

The Convener of the Selection Committee brought up a recommendation from said Committee to the effect, that the Committee already appointed on the Reference from Carlisle Presbytery be instructed to confer on the case involved therein with the Judicial Committee.

Carlisle
Reference.

The Synod adopt the recommendation, and instruct the Committee accordingly.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Insurance of Church Property, which was given in by the Rev. James Mackenzie, Convener.

Insurance.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report, and resolve to take no further action in the matter.

Ministerial
Support.

The Report of the Ministerial Support Committee was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Joint Convener.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee, and resolve as follows :

I.—On the Sustentation Fund.

Hear, with thankfulness to the Divine Head of the Church, of the improved condition of this great Central Fund.

Urge on Presbyteries, and on the office-bearers of congregations, to give unflagging attention to the special organisation required by the Sustentation Fund Act, and proved by experience to be indispensable to such a fund as this.

Approve of the arrangement made with the Rev. W. Dunn as reported, and highly commend the conduct of Mr. Dunn, and of the congregation of the East Church, North Sunderland.

Authorise the Committee to pay £20 per annum to Mrs. Galt, sister of the late Mr. W. Muter, under the circumstances detailed in the Report.

Adopt the recommendations of the Committee as regards,

1. The visitation of the Presbyteries of Bristol, Darlington, Manchester, and Northumberland.

2. The admission of not more than three aid receiving charges during the year.

II.—On the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund.

Notice with satisfaction the care with which this valuable Fund has been nursed.

III.—On the Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund.

Confirm the action of the Committee in the case of the Rev. James Carswell.

Tender thanks to Mr. T. Holder for having kindly obtained for the Fund a considerable proportion of that sum of £2,000 which was specified in the year 1878 as the amount of additional capital rendered necessary by the reception of former United Presbyterian Ministers to the benefits of the Fund; and trust that the remainder will be raised during the current year.

Express the great obligation under which Mr. T. Y. Strachan,

Actuary, has laid the Church by his careful and valuable Report on the condition of the Fund; and, in accordance with his recommendation, hereby modify Rule I. 2 (4) so as to read, 'Any members passing into another profession or into the service of another Church shall pay a special rate of £7. 10s. per annum.'

A Reference was brought up and read from the Ministerial Support Lowick. Committee in regard to the congregation at Lowick.

The Synod sustain the Reference, and resolve to accept the sum named, but to place the congregation meanwhile under Clause V. 9, of the Sustentation Fund Act, the Minister receiving a stipend of £185;—any contribution of the congregation in excess of £105 to count for surplus.

The Convener of the Selection Committee submitted a Report to Hymn Book. the effect that they had nominated the following Committee, by instruction of Synod, on the business contract regarding the Hymn Book:—

Drs. Monro Gibson, Fraser, and Dykes; Rev. W. R. Murray; and Messrs. W. Carruthers, T. W. Thacker, H. M. Matheson, Geo. Duncan, John A. Beith, Thos. Holder, Francis Johnstone, Archd. Ferguson, J. C. Stevenson, R. T. Turnbull, G. B. Bruce, and John Bell. *Convener*—Mr. H. M. Matheson.

The Synod receive the Report, and appoint the Committee accordingly.

Dr. Dykes reported also that the Selection Committee had named the following list of nine Ministers and nine Elders, out of which the Delegates to the Council of the Presbyterian Alliance may be selected, namely:—

Ministers—Revs. Dr. McCaw, Dr. Gibson, R. H. Lundie, J. Thompson, J. Smith, Dr. Mackay, J. M. McKerrow, Dr. H. S. Paterson, and Principal Chalmers. *Elders*—Messrs. George Duncan, Saml. Smith, M.P., John A. Beith, W. P. Sinclair, Robert Amos, C. E. Lewis, M.P., John Gunn, Arthur Fraser, and Dr. J. C. Bruce.

The Synod receive the Report, with the list of names, it being understood that the Moderator of next year's Synod be one of the Delegates *ex officio*, and so that two Ministers and three Elders be now selected.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock, Adjournment. whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Wednesday,
May 2nd.

*At London, and within Regent Square
Church, on Wednesday, the 2nd day
of May, 1883, at Six o'Clock, p.m.*

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Temperance. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Temperance, which was given in by the Rev. James Towers, Convener.

On his motion, the Synod receive the report; recognise the hand of God in the success which has attended Temperance efforts in the United Kingdom during the last twelve months; resolve to petition both Houses of Parliament in favour of 'Sunday closing,' and a measure of 'local option'; commend the subject to the prayerful co-operation of all the congregations of this Church; and recommend the several Presbyteries of the Church to appoint a Committee on Temperance, with the object of advancing the cause of Temperance within the bounds.

Intercourse
with other
Churches.

The Report of the Committee on Intercourse with other Churches was submitted by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener.

On his motion, the Synod receive the Report; they rejoice in the progress of the work of evangelisation on the continent of Europe, and express their warm sympathy with Churches small in numbers, but strong in faith, in their conflict with the difficulties which encompass them.

The Synod regard with pleasure the increase in the amount raised for Continental evangelisation, and the increase in the number of congregations contributing to this object. They trust that, as the work and wants of our brethren become better known, every congregation in the Church will bear its part in this important cause.

The Synod again record their cordial attachment to the various Churches with which they are in the habit of maintaining friendly intercourse by means of deputation or otherwise.

Further, the Synod authorise the Committee, if they see cause, to proceed with negotiations with the view of co-operating with the Free Church of Scotland, in the maintenance of one or more Stations for English-speaking travellers on the Continent, and empower the Com-

mittee to take such steps, financially and otherwise, as may be deemed necessary in the circumstances.

The Synod proceeded to receive Deputations from Sister Churches. Deputations.

There was laid on the table and read an Extract Minute from the Records of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, expressive of the sentiments of fraternal regard and esteem entertained by the Assembly toward this Synod, and of their continued lively interest in the home and foreign work of the Presbyterian Church of England. Free Church of Scotland.

There was read also an Extract Minute from the Records of the Assembly Arrangements Committee bearing that that Committee had, by authority of the Assembly, appointed as a deputation to the Synod the Rev. Sir Henry Wellwood Moncreiff, Bart., D.D.; the Rev. William Laughton, D.D., Greenock; the Rev. James Johnstone, St. James' Church, Glasgow, *Ministers*, and Provost Campbell, Greenock, *Ruling Elder*.

All the Members of the Deputation were present, and successively addressed the Synod.

The Synod have heard with great appreciation the addresses of the honoured deputies from the Free Church of Scotland, and desire to assure the Deputation, and the Church from which they have come, of the warm feeling of Christian regard which this Church entertains towards the Scottish Free Church.

The Moderator then addressed the Deputation in terms of fraternal regard.

There was read a Commission from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, in favour of the Rev. Archibald Constable Geekie, D.D., as a Deputy to this Synod. New South Wales.

Dr. Geekie, being present, addressed the House.

A Commission was tabled from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Victoria in favour of Mr. M. L. Hutchinson, J.P., as a Deputy to this Synod. Victoria.

Mr. Hutchinson was present, and addressed the Synod.

Commissions were received from the Waldensian Church in favour of Signor Prochet, and the Bohemian Church in behalf of Pastor Schubert, as Deputies to the Synod. Waldensian and Bohemian Churches.

These brethren were present and addressed the House, the address of Pastor Schubert being translated by the Rev. T. J. Meyer.

Liberia. There were introduced to the Synod, the Rev. Professors H. M. Browne and J. M. Stewart, on their way to Monrovia in Liberia, with a view to the moral and spiritual elevation of their coloured brethren.

They addressed the House on the character and objects of their mission.

Finding. The Synod receive with much satisfaction the honoured Deputies from New South Wales and Victoria, and rejoice to hear the good tidings brought to them from those Colonies.

The Synod have listened with great pleasure to the animating words of the Deputy from the Church of the Waldenses and of the Deputy from the Bohemian Church.

The Synod assure the brethren who have come to visit them of the continued and deep interest which they feel in the work of the Martyr Churches which they represent.

The Synod receive also with affection and hope Professors Browne and Stewart, who appear before them commended by brethren beloved, on their way to Monrovia; they pray God to prosper them abundantly in their mission to their fellow-countrymen.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at half-past Ten o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Thursday,
May 3rd.

*At London, and within Regent Square
Church, on Thursday, the 3rd day
of May, 1883, at half-past Ten
o'clock a.m.*

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Minutes sustained. The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunt were read and sustained.

Business. The Convener of the Business Committee submitted a final Report, which the Synod received, resolving to take up the remaining items of business in the order therein suggested.

Confession of Faith. The Synod took up Overtures from the Presbyteries of Birmingham, Liverpool, and London, anent the Westminster Confession of Faith.

The Overture from the Birmingham Presbytery, having been read, was supported by the Rev. Dr. Simpson.

The Overture from the Presbytery of Liverpool was read and was supported by the Rev. George Johnstone.

The Overture from the Presbytery of London, having been read, was supported by the Rev. Dr. Fraser.

It was moved and seconded,—That the Synod, recognising the gravity of the matters thus brought under its notice, and the necessity lying upon it to avoid whatever might impair the just confidence of sister Churches in the loyalty of this Church to her subordinate standard, yet deems it wise, while affirming its unabated adherence to the doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession, and its gratitude to the Church's Head for that venerable symbol of the Reformed Faith, so long the bulwark of orthodox teaching in Presbyterian Churches, to appoint a Special Committee, with instructions:

First
Motion.

1. To consider whether any, and, if so, what, changes may with advantage be made in the existing formulas, by which office-bearers affirm their adherence to the Confession of Faith.

2. To consider whether it is desirable that any explanatory declaration be adopted by this Church, with a view to make it more clear in what sense the Church understands her subordinate standard or any portions thereof.

3. To consider whether, with a view to secure some briefer and more available compendium of fundamental doctrine, this Church ought not to approach the General Council of the Presbyterian Alliance to meet at Belfast next year, by memorial or otherwise, on the subject of such a digest of doctrine designed to embody that 'Consensus of the Reformed Confessions' on which the said Alliance is based; and finally to report on all these points to next Synod.

At this point in the discussion, there being an Order of the Day at One o'clock to fix the place and time of the next Synod's meeting, an invitation was given by brethren from Liverpool that the Synod meet in Mount Pleasant Church in that City.

Next Synod.

The Synod accept the invitation, resolve to meet in said Church, on the last Monday of April, 1884, at half-past Six o'clock, P.M., and instruct the Presbytery of Liverpool to make the necessary arrangements.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Overtures. It was moved and seconded, as a second motion,—That a Committee be appointed,

Second
Motion.

composed of representatives of all the Presbyteries of the Church, with instructions :—

1. To ascertain with as much precision as possible on what specific points revision of the Confession, or modification of subscription to it, is desired ; and to what extent such desire prevails.

2. To ascertain whether revision (if the Synod should find that to be necessary or expedient) could be performed in concert with the other churches in the United Kingdom which hold the Confession as one of their subordinate standards.

And to report to next meeting of Synod.

Third
Motion.

It was moved and seconded, as a third motion—

That the Overtures to the Synod respecting the Confession of Faith from the Presbyteries of Birmingham, Liverpool, and London, be not further proceeded with.

After reasoning, the Synod resolved to proceed to the vote.

At this stage, the Mover and Seconder of the second motion, with consent of the House, withdrew their motion.

Finding.

The Synod therefore took the sense of the House by a show of hands, as between the first and third motions, when it was found that only a few members voted for the third, and the great majority of the Synod voted for the first. Wherefore the Synod resolve in terms of the first motion.

The Synod instruct the Selection Committee to meet and nominate the members of the Committee referred to in said motion.

Dissent.

From this finding the Rev. Dr. V. M. White dissented, in his own name and in the name of such other members as may join with him, for reasons to be given in afterwards.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at Six o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Thursday,
Church, on Thursday, the 3rd day May 3rd.
of May, 1883, at Six o'clock p.m.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted Constituted.
 with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

There were read the Reasons assigned by the Rev. Dr. White for his Reasons of
 Dissent from the finding of the Synod at the former Sederunt. Dissent.

The Synod resolve that the Reasons be held *in retentis*. The Revs.
 Dr. Fisher, and Patrick White, with Mr. George W. Brown, Elder,
 adhered to the Dissent.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the College College and
 and Schools, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener. Schools.

On his Motion—1. The Synod receive the Report, with thanks to
 the Committee.

2. Approve of the Committee's suggestions with reference to the
 constitution of the Examining Board and the periodical retirement of
 its members, and determine accordingly.

3. Impress anew upon all congregations the importance of their
 making the annual collection for the funds of the College, so that its
 income may be adequately maintained.

4. Record the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Sinclair for his gift of
 100*l.* as the commencement of a special fund for the support of the
 College Library, and empower the Committee to solicit and receive
 other donations for the same object.

5. Urge upon ministers and heads of families that they seek out and
 encourage, as they shall find opportunity, all youths of piety and gifts
 whose hearts it may please the Lord to incline to the ministry of His
 holy Word; as also that they plead with Him earnestly both in public
 and private for a fuller outpouring of the Holy Spirit of grace upon
 the professors and students of the Church.

The Report of the College Trustees was given in by Mr. John College
 Johnstone, Treasurer. Trustees.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report, and record their cordial

thanks to the Rev. Dr. Dykes for his zealous and successful labours in raising the noble sum of 13,500*l.* as the new Endowment Fund.

College
Visitors.

The Report of the College Visitors was given in by the Rev. Dr. Morison, Convener.

1. The Synod receive the Report with thanks to the Visitors for the diligence and thoroughness with which they have conducted their inquiries.

2. The Synod record the satisfaction with which they have learnt that the College is at present, on the whole, in a condition of soundness and efficiency, and their unabated desire to see the usefulness of so important an institution still further increased.

3. With this view, the Synod remit all the special suggestions made by the Visitors to the Senatus and to the College Committee, in so far as they refer to the functions of these two bodies respectively, with instructions to see that, as far as practicable, they be carried into effect.

4. The Synod further renew their urgent injunctions to all Ministers to bring the claims of the College regularly before their congregations, with a view to its being heartily and adequately supported by the offerings of the whole Church, as well as to present frequent petitions in public prayer that it would please the Divine Head of the Church to draw into the Ministry men of the requisite gifts, scholarship, and piety, and abundantly to bless the studies both of teachers and taught in our College Hall.

College
Senatus.

The Senatus of the College submitted their Report through the Rev. Principal Chalmers.

On his motion the Synod resolve,—That the Report be received, and that the Professors be at liberty to accept the invitation which they have received from the Senatus Academicus of the Associated Theological Colleges of England and Wales; and that the College of the Presbyterian Church of England be associated with the other Theological Colleges, having it for their object to promote the interests of Theological Science, and to obtain eventually a Charter from Government, authorising the Senatus of the Associated Colleges to confer Degrees in Theology.

Application.

The Rev. Dr. Fraser submitted the application of a Student at the University of Cambridge, that his attendance at the Theological Tripos

in the University may be accepted as part of his course of training for the Ministry of this Church.

The Synod resolve to give power to the College Committee, in consultation with the Senatus, to deal with the case.

There being an Order of the day at Seven o'clock for the election of five Delegates—two Ministers and three Elders—to the Council of the Presbyterian Alliance, to meet in Belfast in June 1884, it being understood that the Moderator of the next Synod will be *ex officio* the sixth Delegate, the Synod proceeded to the election by taking a Ballot. Balloting papers were distributed among the members; and the Rev. John Reid, sen., Rev. Martin Lewis, Mr. J. Russell, and Mr. Robert Whyte were appointed scrutineers to examine the voting papers and to report.

The Synod took up Overtures from the Presbyteries of Berwick, Birmingham, Carlisle, Darlington, Liverpool, London, Newcastle, and Northumberland, in regard to a permanent appointment to the Hebrew Chair.

The Overture from the Presbytery of Birmingham was read, and was supported by the Rev. J. B. Thorburn. The other Overtures were held as read.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to: That the Overtures be received, and that the Synod do now proceed to make an appointment to the vacant Chair of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis.

It was then moved, seconded, and unanimously resolved that the Rev. W. Gray Elmslie, M.A., Willesden, the present Hebrew Tutor, be appointed to said Chair at an annual stipend of 500*l*.

The Moderator informed Mr. Elmslie of the cordial appointment just made. Mr. Elmslie intimated his acceptance, and was heartily welcomed by the Synod as the future occupant of the Hebrew Chair.

The Synod then loosed Mr. Elmslie from the pastoral charge of his congregation at Willesden; instructed the Presbytery of London to have the Church declared vacant; take all competent steps to have the vacancy filled up; and induct Mr. Elmslie into the Professorship.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Christian Giving, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Mackay, Convener.

On his motion the Synod resolve—That the Report be received, the Committee reappointed, and instructions given to keep this most important subject before the Church as they see to be most effectual,

their arrangements including the visitation of Presbyteries and congregations, and their availing themselves of the use of the literature circulated amongst the members of the Church.

Synod
Deputies.

The Synod proceeded to hear the Deputies appointed by the Synod last year, in connection with the Home Mission Committee, to visit the Presbyteries of Bristol and Darlington, and the several congregations within their bounds, for the purpose of promoting the spiritual interests of the Churches.

The Synod was addressed by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Bruce, Mr. R. Amos, Rev. John Smith, and Rev. W. Fraser, four of the Deputies concerned, on the Mission in which they had been engaged.

The Deputies already appointed to render a similar service during the current year in the Presbytery of Carlisle, and the South Coast Congregations in the Presbytery of London, then appeared before the Synod, were addressed by the Moderator, and set apart by prayer to the work to which they have been called.

Hymn Book.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to confer with the publishers of the Hymn Book as to the terms of agreement affecting the publishing thereof; which Report was submitted by Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Convener, in the following terms:—

Business
Arrangements.

The Committee took into full and careful consideration the subject remitted to them, and having had Mr. Robertson, of Messrs. Nisbet, to meet them, he distinctly declined, on behalf of his firm, to allow the terms of the agreement to be reopened. At the same time he expressed their willingness to give the best consideration to any reasonable suggestions which might be made to them. Mr. Robertson further expressed the readiness of his firm to dispose of their interest to the Church, should that be desired.

In these circumstances, the Committee resolved as follows, viz:—

1. That the Synod be recommended to enter into negotiations with Messrs. Nisbet & Co., with a view to acquiring the entire property of the book for the Church.

2. That in the event of the failure of such negotiations, and no acceptable arrangement for the purchase being concluded, the Committee be instructed to obtain such modifications of the existing agreement as would make it more acceptable to the Church.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

The Rev. W. Rigby Murray, Convener of the Hymn Book Committee, submitted the following motion, in the stead of the one moved by him at a former Sederunt, namely :—

Convener's Motion.

The Synod receive the report; recommend sessions to introduce 'Church Praise,' consisting of the entire Metrical Psalter, or the selections therefrom, the Hymns, and the Bible Psalter, into the services of the Sanctuary and the School, and to encourage its use in the homes of the people; discharge the Hymn Book Committee, with thanks to them, and especially the Convener, for their labours, but appoint a Standing Committee on Public Praise, for the purpose of promoting the improvement of the service of praise throughout the Church; recommend that, in future editions of the entire Metrical Psalter the tunes be harmonised in the same manner as those in the Hymns; further, give instructions for the removal of the ancient hymn known as the *Benedicite*; and, finally, in regard to the Bible Psalter, resolve that the preface by Sir H. Oakeley be modified to the satisfaction of this Church.

The movers and seconders of the other two motions previously submitted, with consent of the House, withdrew the same, and the motion of Mr. Murray became the unanimous finding of the Synod.

In name of the Synod the Moderator tendered the special and cordial thanks of the House to the Rev. W. Rigby Murray, for his persevering, zealous, and successful labours, in common with those of his brethren of the Committee, in the preparation of the Hymn Book.

Thanks to Rev. W. R. Murray.

The Selection Committee was instructed to nominate the Committee referred to in the preceding deliverance.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Higher Instruction of Youth, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener.

Higher Instruction of Youth.

1. The Synod receive the Report.
2. Record their thanks to those friends through whose liberality the Committee have been thus far enabled to meet their initial and working expenses.
3. Approve the suggested programme for 1883-84.
4. Urgently and affectionately commend the interests connected with the godly and Scriptural education of the Church's junior members to the liberal support and continual prayers of the whole Church, and, above all, to the blessing of Him Who is the Chief Shepherd.

Presbyterian
Alliance.

The Scrutineers gave in their Report as to the Delegates elected to the Council of the Presbyterian Alliance, to the effect that the two Ministers chosen by the highest number of votes are the Rev. Dr. J. Monro Gibson and the Rev. Principal Chalmers, D.D., and the three Elders are Mr. Samuel Smith, M.P., Mr. George Duncan, and the Rev. J. Collingwood Bruce, LL.D.

The Scrutineers reported also that they had registered the names of the three Ministers and the three Elders who stood next in succession to the brethren elected, and placed these in a sealed envelope to remain in the hands of the Clerk, so that if any of the brethren elected fail to attend, their places may be supplied out of the reserve list.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at half-past Nine o'clock, of which public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

Friday,
May 4th.

*At London, and within Regent Square
Church, on Friday, the 4th day of
May, 1883, at half-past Nine
o'clock a.m.*

Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Minutes sus-
tained.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read and sustained.

Soldiers and
Sailors.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Oversight of Soldiers and Sailors, which was given in by the Rev. James Christie, Convener.

On his motion, the Synod receive the Report, and re-appoint the Committee with instructions to continue their labours for the moral and spiritual well-being of Presbyterian Soldiers and Sailors.

Probationers.

The Report of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers was given in by the Rev. James Muir, Convener.

On his motion, the Synod receive and adopt the Report.

The Convener submitted, in name of the Committee, an application to the Synod for a decision in regard to the proper Court to deal with a

case of *fama* arising against a Probationer—whether the Presbytery on Probationers, whose table his papers may for the time being lie, or that within whose bounds the *fama* has arisen.

The Synod resolve that the question be referred to the consideration of the Law and Historical Documents Committee, with instructions that they report to the next Synod.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Records, Records. which was given in by the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and, instruct the Clerk, in terms thereof, to attest the Records of the Synod, the Presbyteries, and the Standing Committee.

The Clerk intimated that George F. Barbour, Esq., of Bonskeid, Mr. George F. Barbour. has presented to each member of Synod a copy of a lecture on John Knox, by the Rev. Robert W. Barbour, M.A.

The Synod accept Mr. Barbour's kind present, and instruct the Clerk to tender to him their cordial thanks.

The Synod's Committee appointed at last meeting to co-operate Wigan. with the Manchester Presbytery, with the view of reducing the debt on the Church at Wigan, gave in a Report through the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, Convener, to the effect that, while the total sum required to relieve the Church of its urgent claims was £1,485 10s., there has been raised since last Synod the sum of £1,530 17s. 1d., leaving a balance of £45 7s. 1d.

The Synod receive the Report, and tender thanks to Dr. MacEwan and the Committee for their diligence in the matter.

The Synod made certain changes in the Standing Orders, with the Standing Orders. view of bringing them into harmony with the recent and present action of the Synod.

The Synod called for the Report of the Law and Historical Documents Committee, which was given in by Dr. Leone Levi, Convener. Law and Historical Documents.

On his motion, the Synod,

1. Authorise the preparation and insertion in the 'Book of Order' of directions harmonising the form of Minutes and Memorandum regarding intimation, and signature by the Chairman, of meetings for the election of new Trustees; and also the insertion of the suggested clause regarding the delivery of citation, and a page of errata in the inter-references.

2. Authorise the Committee to consider and report on the constitution and powers of a Commission of Synod and Presbytery and any matter relative to the 'Book of Order' which may be laid before them from time to time.

3. Authorise the Committee to resume their researches on Congregational Histories.

4. Authorise the expenditure of any sum not exceeding £25 on the collection of such materials as may be obtained bearing upon the history of the Church.

5. And recommend Presbyteries to institute periodical examination of all the Trust Deeds of the Congregations within their bounds, and to consider the propriety of securing a safe place of custody for the same.

Seacombe.

An application was made by the Presbytery of Liverpool, in regard to their Mission at Seacombe, to the effect that the Missionary, Mr. George Brown, who has been labouring there for sixteen years, have conferred on him the power of dispensing Sealing Ordinances, so long as he occupies his present sphere in the Mission.

First Motion.

It was moved and seconded, that the Presbytery of Liverpool be empowered to take Mr. Brown on trial, with a view to his ordination as a Minister, under conditions suitable to the circumstances, over the Mission charge at Seacombe.

Second Motion.

It was moved and seconded, as a second motion—That the Synod receive the application, and in the circumstances of the case, authorise Mr. Brown, as soon as he has been ordained an Elder by the Session at Egremont, to dispense Baptism and the Lord's Supper, at the Station of Seacombe, under direction of the said Session of which he will be a member.

Third Motion.

It was moved and seconded as a third motion—That the Presbytery be empowered to ordain Mr. Brown to the office of the Ministry, and that he be ineligible to a call to a charge in this Church.

Fourth Motion.

It was moved and seconded as a fourth motion—That the Synod receive the application, and inasmuch as a grave constitutional question is involved therein, refer it to a Special Committee, to be named by the Selection Committee, with instructions to consider the entire question involved, and report to the next meeting of Synod.

After reasoning, the movers and seconders of the first and second motions, with consent of the House, withdrew the same.

The sense of the Synod was then taken by a show of hands as Finding. between the third and fourth motions, when it was found that ninety-six voted for the fourth motion and sixty-one for the third; and so the fourth motion was carried. The Synod therefore resolve in terms of said motion.

The Rev. James Muir entered his dissent from this finding in his Dissent. own name, and in the name of those who may adhere thereto. To this dissent there adhered Rev. R. Leitch, Mr. Thomas Bell of Liverpool, Mr. Thomas Holder, and Mr. John Roxburgh.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Darlington Parity of on the subject of the parity of Presbyters.

The Overture, having been read, was supported by the Rev. Dr. Mackay.

The Synod receive the Overture, and refer it to the consideration of the Committee appointed in the case of the application from Seacombe, with similar instructions.

The Report of the Statistical Committee was submitted by Dr. Statistics. Leone Levi, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, it being understood that before its final issue certain sentences in the paragraph on 'Sittings available and let' be omitted; and record the expression of their cordial thanks to Dr. Levi for his abundant labours in connection with the statistics of the Church.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Newcastle, Common on a Common Order of Baptismal, Marriage, and Burial Services. Order of Services.

The Overture, having been read, was supported by the Rev. R. Leitch.

The Synod receive the Overture, but at this stage of their business deem it inexpedient to proceed to its consideration.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to Rev. Dr. prepare a Memorial Minute in reference to the late Dr. Anderson, of Anderson Morpeth, which was given in by the Rev. Principal Chalmers, who laid on the table and read the draft of such Minute.

The Synod receive the Report, approve of the draft Minute, instruct that it be entered on the Records, and that a copy be sent to Dr. Anderson's family, and one to the congregation at Morpeth.

The Minute is as follows:—

The Synod records with deep and tender sorrow the death of one

Rev. Dr.
Anderson.

who was conspicuously its father, the Rev. Dr. James Anderson, of Morpeth.

His name, presence, and character were bound up with its whole course for nearly forty years—from 1843 to 1882, the year of his departure.

One of the brave men of the Scottish Disruption of 1843, he threw himself, with all his unworn and manly ardour, into the early difficulties of the Presbyterian Church in England, especially in the North, where it was utterly disorganised and disheartened; and he did it most signal service as a wise administrator, an undaunted pioneer, and a large-hearted initiator and promoter of every good cause.

To the College, in its days of weakness, he was an unfailing friend; and out of his Jubilee Testimonial (in 1872) he generously endowed the Scholarship which bears his honoured name; to the education of the young of the Church he was passionately loyal; and of the Union that formed the Presbyterian Church of England, he was a firm and unhesitating supporter. And when the Union took place, all at once turned to him as first Moderator, none being equal to him, or even second, through length of service, and through that influence, veneration, and love which a certain high and unique individuality gave him. And ever since his presence among his brethren has gladdened, while it solemnised them, as their sympathy with his growing weakness of body only deepened their sense of his growing strength of fatherly affection to all, and of his manifest increase of childlike trust in God and communion with his Master and Saviour.

Many as are the Memorials of the fruit of his work, ‘even unto old age,’ it is the man himself that is his best memorial, now that he is gone.

His very stature, soldierly and commanding, even when bending under the weight of more than fourscore years; his rapid, vehement, yet curiously measured speech, with its antique, classical tincture; his look, keen with sagacity, keener with integrity, keenest of all with love to God and his fellows; his continued freshness of spirit and youthful interest in new and progressive views on social and ecclesiastical questions; his fearless and unsparing advocacy of the cause he espoused, that, in its perfect honesty, left no trace of bitterness; his flashes of humour and of indignation, that only threw out his habitual devoutness into finer and more genial attractiveness—all these, and more, drew to him reverence as to a father and loyalty as to a chief.

Never shall the Synod forget his chivalrous sense of honour, his child-like unconsciousness of self; the manly courage with which he clung to the cause his judgment and conscience approved; the manly sagacity and impetuosity with which he mastered details and moved men; and, above all, the ever-increasing saintliness of look and bearing—image of the good man God had made him—in which there was no exclusiveness of asceticism and no relaxation of spirituality.

And now the old man is not 'yet alive,' and the prophet is taken from its head; and the Synod, as it stands around, looks down upon his grave with filial sorrow, and looks up, whither he himself has gone, with pathetic joy. But such men never die, and never depart from the Church and the world they blessed. This broken, formal record is only one of the records of yearning sorrow and grateful affection that will abide long in many hearts, and that will ever and again come up in them a cheer, a hope, an inspiration to live in and for Christ, in their own place and in their own day, a life as rich as his was in true human love and in humble Divine trust.

The Synod further directs that this Minute be sent as a faint token of its tender sympathy with his family, who miss and mourn him daily; and with his congregation, among whom he was indeed a father and a man of God.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Reference from Carlisle Presbytery in the case of the Rev. Alexander King, which Report was submitted by the Rev. Dr. J. Monro Gibson, Convener.

Carlisle
Reference.

The Synod receive the Report and sustain the Reference, and in terms of the Report resolve that the case be remitted to the Presbytery of Carlisle to proceed by Libel, and that Assessors be appointed and associated with the Presbytery to proceed with the case according to the Rules of the Church—the Assessors to be the Revs. R. H. Lundie, W. Hutton, John Smith, and W. Young, with Messrs. W. Sutton, Thomas Holder, and George Bell.

The Report of the General Purposes Committee was submitted by Mr. George Duncan, Convener.

General Pur-
poses.

The Synod receive the Report: deem it unnecessary to take any further action in regard to the registration of attendance, or the arrangements for taking the vote at meetings of Synod; agree that henceforth the departments of Day and Sabbath Schools be associated

with that of the Higher Instruction of Youth, the Committee having charge of the whole, to be named that on Instruction of Youth, and further, that an annual collection be devoted to the work of that Committee, with power to this Committee to determine its distribution among the aforesaid departments of their work, provided always that grants to existing Day Schools, on the scale and under the regulations heretofore in use, shall be deemed a first charge on the proceeds of the collection, until such time as the Synod may otherwise determine; and appoint the Annual Collections for Synodical Funds during the ensuing year as follows, viz :—

For Foreign Missions on the third Sabbath of May, 1883.

„ Continental Work	„	„	July	„
„ Instruction of Youth	„	„	Sept.	„
„ The College	„	„	Nov.	„
„ The Jewish Mission	„	„	Jan.	1884.
„ The Home Mission	„	„	Mar.	„

The Synod further call the attention of Members of Court to the irregularity of attendance referred to in the Report of the Committee, and urge upon all the duty of fidelity in this matter, and the special obligation resting on each member to aim at being regularly present at the devotional exercises at the opening of each Sederunt.

Treasurership. The Report of the Treasurership Committee was submitted by Mr. George Duncan, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, with Statements of Accounts; record their gratitude to God for the continued financial prosperity of the Church, and the increasing measure in which the various congregations support the Synodical collections; recognise with satisfaction the economy which continues to characterise the administration of the various Funds; recognise also the necessity for avoiding any charge on the Synod Fund beyond what is demanded for strictly Synodical purposes; and appoint the assessment on Presbyteries for 1884 to be once more at the rate of 14s. 6d. per cent. on membership and ordinary income, as follows, viz :—

			£	s.	d.
Presbytery of Berwick	.	.	56	0	0
„ Birmingham	.	.	45	0	0
„ Bristol	.	.	42	0	0
„ Carlisle	.	.	38	0	0
„ Darlington	.	.	61	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Presbytery of Liverpool . . .	249	0	0
„ London . . .	477	0	0
„ Manchester . . .	151	0	0
„ Newcastle . . .	203	0	0
„ Northumberland . . .	62	0	0
	<u>£1,384</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The Synod called for the Report of the Judicial Committee, which Judicial was submitted by Dr. McCaw, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Applications for Admission to the Ministry of this Church was given in by Mr. George B. Bruce, in name Applications from Ministers.
of Rev. John Reid, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof they empower the Presbytery of Manchester to receive the Rev. William Thornbeck ; empower the Presbytery of London to receive the Rev. W. H. Jellie and the Rev. Andrew Lees ; and the Presbytery of Liverpool to receive the Rev. J. Mitchell ; and in regard to the Rev. Ellis Hewitt, empower the Board of Examination to admit him to the Examination for Theological Students of the second year, according to the Rules in force in reference to students entering exceptionally.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Applications regarding Preaching Stations, which was given in by the Rev. James Mackenzie, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof grant power to the Presbytery of Liverpool to erect the stations at Walton and Marsh Lane into stated charges ; and the Presbytery of London to erect the stations at Silvertown and East Moulsey into stated charges, so soon in each case as they may deem it expedient to do so.

On special application, moreover, the Synod empower the London Presbytery to erect the station at Cambridge into a sanctioned charge, so soon as they may deem this step expedient.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of the Rev. George Mole was submitted by the Rev. James Christie. Rev. G. Mole.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof resolve that the action of the Presbytery of Newcastle be sustained, and that Mr. Mole

be not placed on Roll A of the Probationers of the Church. They resolve, however, to place his name on Roll B for occasional supply.

Park Road
Trust.

The Synod took up an Application from the Presbytery of Newcastle in regard to the Park Road Trust, to the effect that a balance of £133 11s. 7d. accruing from the sale of Park Road Church, and due to the Synod, be handed back to the Presbytery to be invested for Church Extension work in Newcastle.

The Synod receive the Application, and instruct the Treasurership Committee to receive the sum accruing and hold it in Trust for the purpose indicated.

Selection Com-
mittee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Selection Committee, which was given in by Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report and appoint the several Committees as follow (see Appendix).

Rev. G. Lewis.

There was read an extract Minute from the records of the Liverpool Presbytery to the effect, that the Rev. George Lewis has resigned his charge at Chester, and the Presbytery request that his name be retained as that of an *Emeritus* Minister on the Roll of the Presbytery and the Synod.

The Synod cordially grant the application.

Contagious
Diseases Acts.

A Memorial from certain Ministers and Elders of the Church, praying the Synod to petition both Houses of Parliament for the Repeal of the Contagious Diseases Acts (Women), was laid on the table.

The Synod receive the Memorial, and resolve to place on record the satisfaction with which the Synod has learned that a Resolution has recently been carried in the House of Commons adverse to the Acts referred to, and that it is the intention of the Government to act promptly upon that Resolution.

Irish Presby-
terian Church.

There was read a letter from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland expressive of the feelings of fraternal regard cherished by that Church toward this Synod.

The Synod receive the letter with entire cordiality, and instruct the Deputation to the Irish Assembly to convey to them the assurance that this Church heartily reciprocates the Assembly's fraternal regards.

The Synod also instruct that a copy of the Assembly's letter be inserted among the Reports of the House.

The Synod, moreover, remembering that no Deputation goes this year from them to the Free Church General Assembly, request the Moderator and Clerk to prepare and transmit a suitable letter, in the Synod's name, to that venerated Court.

The Synod record their thanks to the Minister and other Office-bearers of Regent Square Church for the use of their Church and other premises; to the Arrangements Committee for the excellent arrangements they have made for the convenience and comfort of the Synod; and to numerous families in London for the hospitality they have extended to members of Synod during the sittings thereof.

The Minutes of this day's Sederunt were read and sustained, and ordered to be attested, with the other Records, by the Moderator and Clerk.

The Synod having now, in the good providence of God, brought its business to a close, was addressed by the Moderator, who declared this Synod closed, and indicted the next Synod to be held, as already resolved on, within Mount Pleasant Church, Liverpool, on the last Monday of April, 1884, at half-past Six o'clock P.M.

The proceedings were terminated with praise and prayer.

Signed, in name and by authority of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England,

JOHN EDMOND, D.D., *Moderator*.

WILLIAM McCRAW, D.D., *Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

A.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

NOTE A.—Of the first Eleven Standing Committees one-third retire annually. The first of the three Divisions in which each Committee is arranged contains the names of those now nominated by the Selection Committee: the last Division the names of those who retire next year.

NOTE. B.—By appointment of Synod the Moderator and the Clerk of Synod, together with the General Secretary of the Church, are members *ex-officio* of all the Standing Committees, except that on the Treasurership.

1.—MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. J. T. McGaw	Mr. W. D. Anderson		Mr. Wm. Galbraith
Prof. W. G. Elmslie	R. T. Turnbull		W. Brander
Duncan Macrae	W. Mellis		
James Muir	G. B. Bruce	Rev. Dr. Fraser	S. Stitt
D. Fotheringham	G. Duncan	J. Matheson	J. A. Swanston
		Dr. MacEwan	Thos. Bell

With Presbytery Representatives.

JOINT-CONVENERS: Revs. Dr. Fraser and Dr. MacEwan.

2.—HOME MISSION.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. William Fraser	Mr. G. B. Bruce	Rev. James Muir	Mr. Robert Whyte
Z. B. Woffendale	Thos. Bell	C. Moinet	J. Alexander, Jun.
	T. D. Thomson		
	William Brander	Dr. Fraser	J. Goodman
R. H. Lundie	Samuel Stitt	Dr. J. Monro Gibson	George Duncan
		Dr. J. Thain Davidson	R. T. Turnbull

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. G. B. Bruce.

3.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. W. Ballantyne	Mr. H. M. Matheson		Mr. J. Alexander, Jr.
Dr. Rentoul	John Bell		William Garden
H. Miller	D. Matheson, Sen.		
John Mauchlen	J. E. Mathieson	Rev. Dr. Mackay	Thomas Butler
Z. B. Woffendale	W. Carruthers	H. C. Wilson	Henry Robson
		D. Macrae	Livingstone Learmonth
T. Anderson	Dr. A. P. Stewart	Dr. J. M. Gibson	Thomas Boyd
W. Dale	Mr. Jasper Young	J. Reid Howatt	J. R. Robertson
Alex. Stirling	George Duncan		
James Beattie	Dr. Hewan		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. H. M. Matheson.

SECRETARIES: Mr. James E. Mathieson and Mr. John Bell.

4.—JEWISH MISSION.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. R. Taylor	Rev. W. Wingate	Rev. G. Wilson, Stratford	Mr. W. Rankine
Dr. Saphir	Mr. J. Muir Leitch		
D. Alexander	J. G. Smieton	Dr. Edmond	John Bell
		G. Carlyle	W. Tulloch
M. Davison	Dr. Pottinger	A. W. Carmichael	Rev. Dr. Craig
Dr. Graham	Mr. Alex. Fraser		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Edmond.

5.—INTERCOURSE WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Robert Taylor	Dr. Craig	Rev. Matthew Davison	Mr. W. A. Boulnois
	Sir G. B. Pechell, Bart.	Robert Hanna	
	Mr. J. R. Macdonald	H. Mackintosh	
	James Robertson		
	H. M. Paul	R. H. Lundie	W. Mellis
		Dr. Morison	James Balfour
Rev. Dr. Nicolson	Mr. D. Matheson	T. J. Meyer	Ch. Kynoch

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. R. H. Lundie.

6.—COLLEGE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. W. Ballantyne	Mr. J. M. Leitch		Mr. T. D. Thomson
D. Matheson	H. M. Matheson		Dr. A. P. Stewart
A. Jeffrey	Robert Morton		
		Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. W. Carruthers
Rev. Dr. Hamilton	Mr. John Johnstone	Dr. Kennedy Moore	J. G. Smieton
C. Moinet	Chas. Kynoch	H. C. Wilson	

With the Professors and the Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

7.—INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. K. Moore	Mr. Robert Whyte	Rev. Prof. Gibb	Mr. R. Stark
H. C. Wilson	James Robb	Dr. Morison	John G. Smieton
	Rev. Thos. White		
	Mr. J. Alex. Watson	Dr. Dykes	W. Carruthers
	(Blackburn)	S. R. MacPhail	R. Wales
		* W. Limont	John Bell
Rev. W. Dale	Mr. Alex. Clark		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

8.—TEMPERANCE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. W. J. B. Roome	Mr. Thomas Matheson	Rev. R. H. Lundie	
W. Armstrong	Robert Stark.	J. W. Rodger	
R. Balgarnie			
Charles Moir		R. Taylor	Mr. Thomas Engall
		D. Matheson	James Robertson
Rev. James Towers	Rev. T. W. Brown	Z. B. Woffendale	Joseph Clarke
Dr. S. Paterson	Mr. H. M. Matheson		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. James Towers.

* This name in the room of Rev. A. S. McPhee, who has gone to Singapore.

9.—LAW AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Grosart	W. Ballantyne	Dr. Leone Levi	C. E. Lewis, M.P.
J. T. McGaw		Mr. John Bell	
Rev. Prof. W. G. Elmslie	W. Dale	Mr. Gainsford Bruce	Adam Young, C.B.
With Presbytery Representatives.			
CONVENER: Dr. Levi.			

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. H. Miller	Dr. Raitt	Mr. Wm. Carruthers	Rev. John Kelly
G. Elder		Mr. T. W. Thacker	Alex. Fraser
		G. F. Booth	

10.—PUBLICATIONS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Grosart	J. T. McGaw	Mr. W. Carruthers	W. T. Thacker
Robert Balgarnie		John Lamont	
Rev. Dr. Edmond	James Stewart	Robert Wales	H. Robson
T. J. Dixon		Alex. Durward	
With Presbytery Representatives.			
CONVENER: Rev. Dr. J. M. Gibson.			

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. George Wilson	(Canonbury)	Mr. R. Niven	
Henry Miller	Dr. Monro Gibson	Andrew L. Don	
Dr. H. S. Paterson			

11.—PUBLIC PRAISE.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. W. R. Murray	J. Mauchlen	Mr. H. M. Matheson	R. Wales
J. T. Davidson, D.D.		J. R. Macdonald	
Dr. Matheson	J. W. Rodger	N. Merrylees	J. A. Watson
With Presbytery Representatives.			
CONVENER: Rev. W. R. Murray.			

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Prof. Elmslie		Mr. A. Guthrie	
Rev. A. Jeffrey	W. Armstrong	Mr. J. N. Boyd	W. Garden
J. C. Gullan		J. Hardie	

12.—GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Officials of the Standing Committees, together with Presbytery Representatives.
 CONVENER: Mr. George Duncan.

13.—BOARD OF NOMINATION.

The Moderators of the Synod who have passed the Chair, together with Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: The Moderator.

14.—DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

Rev. Professor Gibb	Rev. A. M. Dalrymple
James Muir	J. Reid Howatt
J. Christie	
With Presbytery Representatives.	
CONVENER: Rev. James Muir.	

15.—OVERSIGHT OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. James Christie	Dr. Fraser	Colonel Anderson (Plymouth)	Sir G. B. Pechell
Dr. Raitt		Lieutenant-Colonel Hillyard	
With Chaplains as Corresponding Members.			
CONVENER: Rev. J. Christie.			

16.—STATISTICS.

Rev. Dr. MacEwan
William Ballantyne
Dr. V. M. White

Dr. Leone Levi
Mr. Robert Wales

CONVENER: Dr. Levi.

17.—TREASURERSHIP.

Mr. George Duncan
John Bell
W. L. Watson
D. Matheson
R. Niven
R. T. Turnbull

Mr. J. Johnstone
W. D. Anderson
Robert Wales
Jasper Young
Robert Lorimer
J. Alexander, Jun.

CONVENER: Mr. George Duncan.

18.—JUDICIAL.

MINISTERS.

Rev. The Moderator, Principal
Chalmers
Dr. Dykes

ELDERS.

Mr. Gainsford Bruce
Dr. Leone Levi
Mr. Chas. E. Lewis, M.P.
Samuel Stitt

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. McCaw.

B.—SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1.—UNION THANKSGIVING FUND.

Mr. Samuel Stitt
T. Matheson
A. Brown
S. Williamson
T. Holder

Mr. W. P. Sinclair
J. C. Stuart
J. A. Beith
Thomas Hall
Robert Hedley

With the Conveners of the Home, Foreign, and Jewish Missions Committees, of the College. and Ministerial Support Committees, and the Members of the Treasurership Committee.

JOINT-CONVENERS: MESSRS. S. STITT AND T. MATHESON.

2.—CHRISTIAN GIVING.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Dr. Mackay
Dr. H. S. Paterson
John Reid, Sen.
J. Christie

ELDERS.

Mr. A. Mouat
W. A. Boulnois

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Mackay.

3.—INSTRUCTIONS TO COLLEGE VISITORS.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Dr. Dykes Rev. Geo. Johnstone
Rev. J. T. McGaw

ELDERS.

Mr. J. A. Beith
Dr. A. P. Stewart

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

4.—SEACOMBE APPLICATION, AND OVERTURE ANENT PARITY OF PRESBYTERS.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Dr. Edmond
Dr. McCaw
Principal Chalmers
Dr. Morison
John Black
Dr. Fraser

ELDERS.

Dr. Leone Levi
Mr. G. B. Bruce
R. Hedley
J. R. Robertson
Thomas Bell
(London)

MINISTERS.

Rev. R. H. Lundie
J. Muir
Dr. Mackay
John Reid, Sen.

ELDERS.

Mr. R. Barclay
W. Sutton
Thos. Matheson
James Goodman
James Robb
I. Eccles Russell

CONVENER: Rev. John Reid, Sen.

5.—THE CHURCH'S RELATION TO THE CONFESSION.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Edmond	Mr. S. Smith, M.P.	Rev. A. H. Drysdale	Mr. Robert Hedley
Fraser	Geo. Duncan	John Smith	W. Carruthers
Dykes	Robt. Whyte	John Thompson	W. S. Wilkinson
McEwan	Dr. Leone Levi	John B. Meharry	R. Barclay
Principal Chalmers	Mr. Robt. Wales	W. A. Walton	
W. Dale	Gainsford Bruce	W. Limont	
Dr. H. S. Paterson	Samuel Stitt	Dr. Mackay	
G. Johnstone	Thos. Bell	J. Howie Boyd	
R. H. Lundie	Francis Johnson	A. N. Mackray	
Dr. Symington	Thos. Hepburn	Dr. Simpson	
Macleod	Wm. Sutton	Robt. Cowan	
Graham	Thos. Hall	R. Taylor	
McCaw	Jno. A. Beith	J. T. McGaw	
J. Selater	Robert Amos		

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

6.—PURCHASE OF HYMN BOOK.

Mr. H. M. Matheson	Mr. J. C. Stevenson,	Rev. Dr. Gibson	Mr. John Bell
Mr. G. B. Bruce.	M.P.	Mr. W. T. Thacker	R. T. Turnbull

CONVENER: Mr. H. M. Matheson.

7.—CORRESPONDING MEMBERS TO THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Rev. Dr. Edmond, Moderator	Rev. J. M. MacKenzie (Liverpool)
Dr. Symington	Mr. George B. Bruce
J. C. Gibson, M.A.	Dr. MacLagan
W. Limont	Mr. S. Stitt
John W. Ellison	George Bell, Jun.
Theodore J. Meyer	

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Edmond.

8.—DELEGATES TO FEDERAL COUNCIL.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Edmond	Mr. G. B. Bruce	Rev. A. M. Dalrymple	Mr. T. P. Dods
Dr. McCaw	S. Stitt	Dr. Macleod	R. Hedley
Dr. Dykes	W. P. Sinclair	A. F. Douglas	Dr. MacLagan
James Muir	J. A. Beith	J. B. Thorburn	Mr. W. S. Wilkinson
Jno. Black	Thos. Matheson	J. Tannahill	J. Heatley
R. H. Lundie	Walter Graham	T. Dods	
Jno. Thompson	James Robb	A. B. Barkway	
Dr. Fraser	C. H. Johnson	W. Young	
J. H. Boyd	R. Amos	W. T. Johnston	
	Dr. J. Collingwood	J. M. Wilson	
	Bruce	G. Bell	

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Edmond.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNCIL.

Revs. Dr. Fraser, R. H. Lundie, Jno. Black, and J. Thompson, and Mr. G. B. Bruce.

CONVENER: Rev. J. Black.

The Synod instruct the members appointed to represent this Church in the Federal Council, to request said Council to confer on the questions arising out of the Spittal case.

9.—DEPUTIES TO IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Rev. Dr. Edmond, Moderator.
Rev. George Johnstone Mr. William Sutton.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. That for the convenience of Sessions the Clerk shall, at least one month before the meeting of Synod, issue to each Session a copy of the form of Commission, and of the Certificate appointed to be used for certifying Elders.

2. That all Commissions transmitted to the Clerk of Synod shall be revised by him, in so far as regards the regularity of said Commissions in point of form, and that he shall report to the Committee appointed by the Synod for revising Commissions only such as are defective or irregular.

3. That all Overtures, Returns to Overtures from Inferior Courts, and all papers transmitted by the Inferior Courts shall be in the form of Certified Extracts from the Minutes of said Courts, and that all such, as well as Elders' Commissions, shall be in the hands of the Clerk of Synod ten days at least before the meeting of Synod.

4. That papers in cases from Inferior Courts, whether forming part of the Record or produced in evidence before said Courts, must, in each case, before they are given in, be duly dated, numbered, and initialled by the Clerk of the Court from which they come, and be accompanied by petition for transmission to the Committee on Bills by the parties sending them in.

5. That the Synod at its first Sederunt appoint two Committees, the one on Bills and Business, and the other on Commissions and Records. That the former be charged with the revision and transmission of all papers to be laid on the table of the Synod, and with the arrangement of the order of business. That the Committee on Commissions and Records be charged with the revision of such Elders' Commissions as the Clerk may report to be defective or irregular, and of the Records of the Synod, the Presbyteries, and the Standing Committees. That each of these Committees consist of forty members: that the Committee on Commissions and Records be chosen exclusively by the Synod; and that the Committee on Bills and Business be chosen jointly by the Presbyteries and the Synod, each Presbytery being authorised to nominate one member for every fifteen congregations, or fraction thereof; the names of the persons so nominated to be in the hands of the Clerk ten days before the Meeting of Synod.

6. That the Synod at an early Sederunt appoint a Committee, to be called the Selection Committee, which shall be charged with the nomination of suitable persons to act on the Standing Committees of the Church, and that it shall consist of the Conveners of existing Standing Committees, along with a member selected by each Presbytery, his name to be forwarded to the Clerk ten days before the Meeting of Synod.

7. That the Reports of the Committees of the Synod be printed and circulated along with the Minutes of Synod; and that a copy of the same be bound up in volumes and preserved among the Documents of the Synod.

8. That in cases where parties are called to the bar, two speeches only shall be heard from each party, including the reply, to which the appellant or complainant shall be entitled. But if there be more than two parties, there shall be only one speech from each, besides the reply. In case of there being more than one complainant, and it appearing that the complaints are on distinctly separate grounds, each may be considered a separate party.

9. That the following be the order in regard to Motions, Votes, and Decisions:—Every motion or amendment shall be given in to the Clerk, in writing, as soon as it shall have been read to the House.—2. When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the Synod, it shall not be competent to make any alteration upon it without the permission of the House, except as an amendment thereon, or as an alternative motion, as the case may be, regularly proposed to the Synod.—3. The person who makes the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, in which new matter must not be introduced; thereafter, the debate shall be held definitely closed, and no other person shall be entitled to speak, excepting in regard to the manner of putting the vote.—4. When there are only two motions before the House the question put to the vote shall be—Motion or Amendment, or first or second Motion? When there are more than two Motions a vote is taken successively upon each, and unless it shall appear that one of the Motions has a clear majority of all the votes, that which had the least number shall be dropped, and a fresh vote taken upon those that remain, till only one shall be left, when the remaining Motion shall be finally put to the House as a substantive Motion. The voting shall be either by an open show of hands, or by ballot, or by calling the Roll of the House. In the first case the Moderator or Clerk counts the votes, but if needful, tellers may be appointed to assist him. In the case of ballot, voting papers shall be prepared and supplied to members of the Court; and on their being collected they shall be referred to two or more scrutineers appointed by the Court, who shall ascertain the result and report the same. In the case of calling the Roll, the names of the Members arranged in Presbyteries are called seriatim by the Clerk, and each Member's vote on being tendered is marked by the Clerk. The votes are then summed up, and the result announced by the Moderator.

10. That in bringing up a Report from a Committee, the Convener thereof shall move the reception of the Report, and the adoption of such resolutions as the Report contains, or suggests may be proposed to the House, with such additional resolution or resolutions as may seem necessary or desirable.

11. That any proposal for a pause in the Synod's proceedings, with a view to engage in special Devotional Exercises, shall be made to the Synod only through the Moderator. That all letters addressed to the Moderator for the purpose of being communicated to the House, shall, in the first instance, be laid before the Business Committee, who shall advise the Moderator on the way of disposing of them.

12. That Commissions or Letters from other countries or from societies accrediting Deputies to the Synod, and all applications of persons to be heard by the Synod, shall be reported by the Business Committee, in order that the Synod may make arrangements for the reception of such Deputies and others if deemed proper.

13. That the Records of Synod, Presbyteries, and Standing Committees be called for at the first Morning Sitting, and remitted to the Committee on Records for examination. The Moderator or Clerk shall attest the same in accordance with their report.

14. That the Communion of the Lord's Supper be observed at the first Morning Sitting, before any business is transacted. That thereafter the Reports of the Home, Jewish, and Foreign Missions shall be called for and considered; the Conveners of these Committees having authority to arrange for a Meeting on the evening of the same day in furtherance of the interests of all the Missions of the Church, and to make public intimation of their concerted arrangements for the same.

15. That no Committee shall continue to sit after the Moderator shall have taken the Chair.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

AND OTHER PAPERS

PRESENTED TO THE

S Y N O D

OF THE

Presbyterian Church of England,

HELD AT

LONDON, APRIL 1883.

*The following are certified as the Reports received by the Synod
of 1883.*

WILLIAM McCRAW, *Synod Clerk.*

MANCHESTER: May 1883.

I.
REPORT ON MINISTERIAL CHANGES
FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR, 1882-83.

FOREIGN MISSION FIELD.

1. Mr. James Main, M.A., was ordained by the Free Church Presbytery of Elgin, as a missionary to the Chinese at Formosa. Sept. 28, 1882.
2. Mr. W. R. Thompson, B.A., was ordained by the Presbytery of London, as a missionary to the Chinese at Formosa. Oct. 10, 1882.

PRESBYTERY OF BERWICK.

1. The Rev. Ballantyne Brodie, M.A., of Beaumont Union, was suspended *sine die*. Aug. 1, 1882.
2. The Rev. John Orr, M.A., Church Street, Berwick, resigned his charge. Aug. 22, 1882.
3. Mr. John Davidson was ordained at Beaumont Union. Dec. 21, 1882.
4. The Rev. John Orr, M.A., died at Berwick. Mar. 21, 1883.

PRESBYTERY OF BIRMINGHAM.

1. Mr. William McCraith was ordained at New John Street, Birmingham. June 22, 1882.
2. The Rev. G. G. McLeod was translated from Walsall to Junction Road United Presbyterian Church, Leith. Jan. 4, 1883.
3. The Rev. James William Miller was inducted at Leicester. Jan. 4, 1883.

PRESBYTERY OF BRISTOL.

- Mr. William Hareus was ordained at Aberdare. Aug. 24, 1882.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE.

- Mr. Alexander King, B.Sc. (Glasgow), was ordained at High Street, Whitehaven, July 10, 1882.

PRESBYTERY OF DARLINGTON.

- May 23, 1882. 1. Mr. William M. Smith was ordained at Holderness Road, Hull.
Aug. 15, 1882. 2. Mr. Peter Duncan, B.D., was ordained at Springbank, Hull.
Sept. 19, 1882. 3. The Rev. James Smith was translated from Grimsby to Free Church at Glenbucket.
Jan. 9, 1883. 4. The Rev. A. S. MacPhee, B.D., was translated from Redcar.

PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL.

- July 3, 1882. The Rev. George Lewis resigned his charge at Chester.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

- May 9, 1882. 1. The Rev. Charles J. Whitmore was translated from Whitfield Church, London.
May 17, 1882. 2. The Rev. Charles J. Whitmore was inducted at Kentish Town, London.
May 25, 1882. 3. Mr. J. Jeffrey Johnstone was ordained at St. Leonards-on-Sea.
June 13, 1882. 4. Rev. Geo. Waterman, M.A., resigned his charge at Holybourne.
June 13, 1882. 5. The Rev. W. Dinwiddie, LL.B., resigned his charge at Camden Road, London.
June 28, 1882. 6. The Rev. Adolph Saphir, D.D., was inducted at Belgrave Church, London.
Aug. 24, 1882. 7. The Rev. Alexander Smith was ordained at Darenth.
Sept. 14, 1882. 8. The Rev. W. Millar Nicolson, M.A., D.Sc., was inducted at Jersey.
Nov. 14, 1882. 9. The Rev. William Boyd, LL.D., resigned his charge at Forest Hill.
Nov. 14, 1882. 10. The Rev. J. Edgar Henry, M.A., was translated from Canterbury to Londonderry.
Dec. 12, 1882. 11. The Rev. W. Aitken, M.A., resigned his charge at Singapore.
Dec. 27, 1882. 12. Mr. W. E. Shaw, M.A., was ordained at Greybury Church, Edenbridge.
Dec. 28, 1882. 13. Mr. James Maltman, M.A., was ordained at Holybourne.
Feb. 27, 1883. 14. The Rev. A. S. MacPhee was inducted to the charge of the congregation at Singapore.
April 10, 1883. 15. The Rev. G. Drysdale resigned his charge at Crouch Hill, London.

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

- June 5, 1882. 1. The Rev. W. Craig Flint, M.A., resigned his charge at Pendleton.
July 6, 1882. 2. The Rev. Benjamin Bell, B.D., was inducted at Withington.
Sept. 4, 1882. 3. The Rev. J. Kerr Craig was translated from Ancoats to Dean Street United Presbyterian Church, Edinburgh.
Feb. 5, 1883. 4. The Rev. John Clelland resigned his charge at St. Columba, Leeds.
April 26, 1883. 5. The Rev. Walter Duncan was inducted at Ancoats.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE.

1. Mr. M. Gardiner Campbell, M.A., was ordained at Falstone. July 20, 1882.
2. The Rev. George Douglas resigned his charge at Walker. Aug. 1, 1882.
3. The Rev. Alexander Phimister, M.A., was inducted at John Knox,
Newcastle. Oct. 26, 1882.
4. The Rev. George Mole resigned his charge at Killingworth. Nov. 7, 1882.
5. Mr. Gustavus J. Goodman was ordained at Walker. Feb. 1, 1883.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

1. The Rev. James Anderson, D.D., died at Morpeth. May 17, 1882.
2. The Rev. William Dunn resigned his charge at East Church,
North Sunderland. Nov. 28, 1882.
3. The Rev. James Gray, junior minister, resigned his charge at
Cheviot Street Church, Wooler. Feb. 6, 1883.

TABULATED STATEMENT.

	Ordinatns.	Inductns.	Translatns.	Resignatns.	Deaths.	Suspension.
Foreign Missions ...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Presbytery of—						
Berwick	1	...	...	1	1	1
Birmingham	1	1	1	...	...	...
Bristol	1	...	...	...	...	...
Carlisle	1	...	...	...	...	...
Darlington.....	2	...	2	...	...	...
Liverpool	1
London	4	4	2	5
Manchester	2	1	2
Newcastle	2	1	...	2
Northumberland	2	1	...
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(Total—44.)

Submitted to the Synod of 1883 by

WILLIAM McCRAW,

Synod Clerk.

II.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL
SUPPORT.

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

A. SUSTENTATION FUND.

It is with feelings of peculiar thankfulness that your Committee report on the progress of the Sustentation Fund during the past year. Thrown for the first time on its permanent and proper resources, the Fund has not only been able to meet the demands made upon it, maintaining the former dividend of £200 without drawing on the Reserve Fund, but has been able to carry over to that Fund, in terms of the previous understanding, a balance of £402 7s. Two causes, equally gratifying, have contributed to bring about this result—increased, and to some extent unexpected liberality on the part of aid-giving Congregations, especially in Liverpool and London, and a very marked diminution in the requirements of aid-receiving Congregations. The second of these factors has no doubt been due, in part, to the circumstance that several aid-receiving Congregations have been vacant during a portion or the whole of the year, and have only required the amount necessary to meet their expenses for the cost of pulpit-supply. It is possible, of course, that with fewer vacancies this year the aid required by Congregations now on the Fund may be somewhat more than it was in 1882. Provision must also, of course, be made for new claims, which will probably be considerably heavier in the future than they have been in the past. But making all due allowance for such a possible increase in future demands, it is obvious that this Fund has at last reached a position in which, with a continuance of hearty sympathy and co-operation throughout the Church, together with ordinary care in administration, its future need not be any longer a matter of doubt or anxiety.

It may be interesting at this point to glance briefly at the progress of the Fund since 1878, when it first became responsible for the supply of the whole aid needed by the weaker charges throughout the Church. The following tables will show the advance made by the Fund during these five years, both in respect to the aid supplied by the stronger Congregations and in respect to that needed by the weaker throughout the various Presbyteries.

**1. Aid Supplied by Congregations in 1878 and 1882
respectively.**

Presbyteries.	1878.	1882.	More.	Less.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Berwick	55 19 6	86 2 5	30 2 11	—
Birmingham	35 5 0	17 5 0	—	18 0 0
Bristol	129 0 0	150 0 0	21 0 0	—
Carlisle	79 12 6	85 18 9	6 6 3	—
Darlington	36 8 10	30 17 2	—	5 11 8
Liverpool	1,073 3 5	1,353 6 2	280 2 9	—
London	2,648 19 6	3,370 13 11	721 14 5	—
Manchester	503 0 9	413 9 3	—	89 11 6
Newcastle	523 10 6	479 19 5	—	43 11 1
Northumberland . .	12 10 0	15 0 0	2 10 0	—
Total	5,097 10 0	6,002 12 1 5,097 10 0	1,061 16 4 156 14 3	156 14 3
Improvement		905 2 1	905 2 1	

2. Aid Needed by Congregations in 1878 and 1882 respectively.

Presbyteries.	1878.	1882.	More.	Less.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Berwick	868 6 11	843 1 4	—	25 5 7
Birmingham	208 15 8	304 12 4	95 16 8	—
Bristol	88 6 10	36 13 1	—	51 13 9
Carlisle	542 7 8	421 17 5	—	120 10 3
Darlington	455 10 0	541 19 5	86 9 5	—
Liverpool	238 11 0	262 7 6	23 16 6	—
London	1,042 11 11	615 14 9	—	426 17 2
Manchester	493 13 11	432 13 4	—	61 0 7
Newcastle	1,029 2 8	858 15 9	—	170 6 11
Northumberland . .	1,476 0 11	1,396 16 4	—	79 4 7
Total	6,443 7 6 5,714 11 3	5,714 11 3	206 2 7	934 18 10 206 2 7
Improvement	728 16 3			728 16 3

It is satisfactory to find from the first of these tables that Congregations enjoying the higher blessedness of giving aid, have improved in their contributions by so substantial a sum as £905 2s. 1d. It is even more satisfactory to find that the aid needed has been diminished by so large an amount as £728 16s. 3d. It may be interesting to point out the changes on the part of aid-receiving Congregations covered by this net saving. Full details in regard to this will be found in a special Appendix (D) at the close of this report, but the following brief summary of results may be interesting:—

1. *Diminished Claims from 1878 to 1882.*

		£	s.	d.
8	Congregations become self-sustaining .	196	15	6
3	" now on Home Mission *	163	4	7
4	" allowed to drop .	283	15	0
54	" requiring less help by .	782	14	2
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69	" representing total .	1,426	9	3
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2. *Increased Claims from 1878 to 1882.*

28	Congregations requiring additional aid .	£362	19	6
9	Congregations representing new claims .	334	13	6
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37	Net diminution in claims	£728	16	3
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3. *Now on Fund as Aid-receiving.*

54	Congregations in which claims have diminished			
6	" " " remain the same			
37	" representing increased claims			
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97	Congregations in all aid-receiving in 1882			
103	" " " " 1878			
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6	Improvement			
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It may be further observed that of the nine Congregations representing new claims, five are cases of Congregations formerly self-sustaining, but which, having proved unable to maintain that position, now receive aid to the amount of £170; the remaining four represent smaller Church-extension charges which, after having received support in their initial stages from the Home Mission Fund, have come on the Sustentation Fund in the ordinary course, and now receive £164 13s. 6d. of aid. Excluding from consideration the Congregations now on the Home Mission Fund and those which have ceased to exist, there remain sixty-two Congregations that have more or less improved, relieving the Fund to the extent of £979 9s. 8d., together with six that have at least held their ground, against thirty-three which have lost ground to the aggregate amount of £532 19s. 6d., the net saving being £446 10s. 2d. The total saving to the Public Funds of the Church appears thus:—

	£	s.	d.
Lessened claims on Sustentation Fund for existing Congregations .	446	10	2
Congregations that have ceased to exist .	283	15	0
Diminished requirements of Congregations transferred to Home Mission .	48	4	7
Total .	778	9	9
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* Costing £115 per annum under present arrangements.

For the general progress of the Fund your Committee would refer to Appendix B, which, along with other interesting details, shows that while 227 Congregations contributed to the Fund in 1878, the total revenue furnished by them amounting to £35,899 4s. 10d., in 1882 there were 242, yielding a revenue of £40,037 18s. This is, of course, exclusive of non-congregational sources of revenue.

Upon the whole, your Committee cannot but regard these figures as indicative of substantial consolidation and progress in the Church, and as affording satisfactory evidence that they are succeeding in administering the Fund in such a way as to stimulate the spirit of self-help rather than that of dependence on the part of the aided Congregations, which as a rule seem fairly to respond to the efforts made to influence them in this direction.

The one matter in which there seems some room for complaint in regard to a considerable proportion both of aid-receiving and aid-giving Congregations, is the want of earnest care in the working of the special organisation on which the prosperity of the Fund so largely depends. In the rural districts this is felt to be not only an injury to the Central Fund, but a grave inconvenience to Congregations in which the organisation is carefully worked. Your Committee often receive complaints that members coming into such Congregations seem astonished at being desired to contribute to the Sustentation Fund Association, taking it even as somewhat of a grievance. This could not, of course, occur were the Association worked carefully over the whole Church. Complaints are also made that many of the Associations are so in mere name, the spirit of the Act being entirely disregarded, though its letter is observed. Now that the Fund may be regarded as resting on a firm financial basis, the Synod would do well to urge upon all Congregations the necessity of making arrangements for bringing the claims of this primary Fund of the Church before all its members, and for gathering their contributions regularly and at as short intervals as possible—once a month wherever practicable. The observation of your Committee affords conclusive proof that ministers and office-bearers never give hearty and united attention to this matter without receiving a most encouraging response from the people. They are, in fact, convinced that no Fund of the Church would prove more popular if its claims and results were brought in an earnest and kindly manner before our Congregations.

Your Committee have not failed during the past year to give careful consideration to the question of the cost of administration. They have been at pains to compare the cost for working expenses in relation to the amount distributed with that prevailing in the corresponding Funds of sister churches. Having inquired into the matter very carefully, they find that, in point of fact, the proportional cost of this Fund is as nearly as possible the same as that of the corresponding Fund in the Irish Presbyterian Church, and slightly less than that in the Free Church of Scotland. At the same time they think it right to observe that the bulk of the working expenses represent charges over which they have themselves no direct control. The accounts of the Church for last year will show that the working expenses are made up of the following particulars:—

	£	s.	d.
Proportion of Office Charges	402	19	6
„ Travelling Expenses	39	15	5
„ Synod Printing	42	8	5
„ College Rent	8	10	0
Expenses of Deputies (Triennial Arrangements) .	33	0	7
Stationery and Printing	17	3	9
Cheque Book and Bank Commission	4	3	10
	<u>£548</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

The first four of these represent common expenses, which are apportioned by the Treasurership Committee in view of what seems to them the fair proportion falling to this Fund. It will be for that Committee to judge whether the demands of the Fund on the Staff and general expenses of the Office are diminishing so as to admit of any reduction in the proportion of Office Charges laid upon it. Your Committee have no evidence that the proportion is at present too high, and it may not be generally realised how much daily work the administration of such a Fund involves. It does not appear that of the remaining £54 8s. 2d., for which your Committee are directly responsible, there is any item which admits of reduction except possibly the cost of the Visitation of Congregations under the triennial arrangements. In this department they have done their utmost to keep down expenses by urging Presbyteries themselves to undertake at least a portion of the visitation, so as to obviate the necessity of sending deputies from a distance. Presbyteries, however, invariably insist that it is absolutely necessary that deputies be sent, and this cannot be effected without expense. Possibly, however, after the present year, the triennial arrangements may be effected at a smaller cost for deputations than has been found necessary in connection with the first round. It is, in the meantime, satisfactory to know that, take the expenses as they stand, they are not at least on a higher scale than those of the corresponding Funds in sister churches.

Your Committee are thankful to be able to report one case of a happy union effected between two congregations, which may not immediately furnish relief to the Fund, but will certainly do so in the course of time. The Rev. William Dunn, minister of the East Church, North Sunderland, having the conviction that one Congregation was amply sufficient to meet the requirements of that district, in the exercise of the highest public spirit, offered to place his resignation in the hands of his Presbytery with a view to bringing about a union of the two Congregations there. The Presbytery of Northumberland, to which the Congregations referred to belonged, thereupon communicated with the Committee as to the terms on which Mr. Dunn's resignation should be accepted in the case of the contemplated union being found practicable. Your Committee agreed very cordially to recommend to the Synod, as they hereby do, to make an allowance to Mr. Dunn from the Sustentation Fund at the rate of £95 per annum for three years, or such period short of that time as he shall remain unsettled. They are glad to say that this arrangement having been approved by the Presby-

tery and accepted by Mr. Dunn, and the Congregations having agreed to unite under the ministry of Rev. George Henderson, of the West Church, parties felt encouraged to proceed to the consummation of the union proposed, which was happily accomplished towards the close of the year, the union being celebrated before Mr. Dunn's actual removal by the observance of the Lord's Supper. Your Committee think that the unselfish action of the Congregation, and still more of the minister, of East Church in this matter, is worthy of the highest commendation, and that Mr. Dunn especially deserves the Church's warm recognition of the public spirit displayed by him. They earnestly trust that he will soon find his reward in a happy settlement in a position where he will still be able to render good service to the Church and to its Divine Head. They trust also that the entire comfort with which this union has been accomplished may prove an encouragement to similar movements in localities where there may be a similar reason for them.

The finance of the Muter Trust is set forth in the capital and interest accounts printed along with the Sustentation Fund Accounts. Only two things in these accounts seem to call for notice.

1. Of the £21,500 (nominal) value of London, Chatham, and Dover ordinary Stock reported as still held by them at last Synod, and which yields no dividend, £7,500 have been disposed of on very favourable terms, but the price having fallen immediately afterwards, the Trustees have not deemed it expedient to dispose of the remaining £14,000, but propose doing so on the first favourable opportunity.

2. Of the £1,326 8s. 7*d.* (balance of accumulations) reported at last Synod as available for the Reserve Fund only £1,257 19s. have as yet been paid over. This is, of course, due to the fact that, as the estate was handed over to the Trustees, capital and accumulations were mixed together. So soon, however, as it is deemed advisable to make a further sale of Stock, the remaining balance of £68 9s. 7*d.* will be handed over.

It may be added that the Trust Deed ordered by the Synod of 1881 was drawn up, and the property duly transferred to the Trustees-elect, on May 22 last.

To one other matter connected with the Muter Estate it is necessary to draw the attention of the Synod. In the course of the negotiations connected with the Chancery suit, it was proposed that the two churches occupying the position of residuary legatees under Mr. Muter's will should, between them, make up the income of Mrs. Galt, Mr. Muter's sister, to £100. Though the negotiations in connection with which this proposal was made fell through, the representatives of both Churches were of opinion that it was in itself quite reasonable, and the Free Church has already given effect to it. £60 per annum is already secured to Mrs. Galt, in terms of the will itself, through the purchase of £2,000 of Consols. This leaves £40 to be provided by the two Churches. Your Committee recommend that they be authorised to pay £20 per annum as the share of this Church, dating from the time when the Estate came into the possession of the two Churches.

It will be noticed that, through the operation of causes already

adverted to, the year has turned out more favourably than the forecast offered in the last report might have led the Church to expect. Your Committee are of opinion that, with the completion of the first triennial arrangements with Congregations, which will take place this year, the revenue and expenditure of the Fund will alike acquire a steadiness that will render an accurate forecast much more easy than it has heretofore been. In the meantime, they submit the following estimate of probable income and expenditure, which has been carefully prepared in view of the data furnished by *the transactions of the past year*, slightly modified by a consideration of probable increased claims.

Estimated Available Aid.

1. From Congregations	.	.	.	.	£6,002	12	1
2. „ Muter Trust	.	.	.	.	727	8	2
3. „ Donations	.	.	.	.	135	0	0
Total	.	.	.	.	£6,865	0	3

Estimated Requirements.

1. Aid needed	.	.	.	£5,850	0	0	
2. Probable new claims	.	.	.	150	0	0	
3. Rev. J. M. Ross	.	.	.	200	0	0	
4. Mrs. Galt (say)	.	.	.	55	0	0	
5. Office charges	.	.	.	402	19	6	
6. Other charges	.	.	.	145	2	0	6,803 1 6
Probable Credit Balance	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>£61 18 9</u>

Your Committee are thankful that, for the first time since the Fund became responsible for the aid needed by the whole Church, they are able to present an estimate holding out the hope of a credit balance at the end of the year. It will be seen, however, that the margin is, at the best, exceedingly narrow, and that the balance might easily be turned the other way should a few Congregations come, from any cause, to contribute less aid in 1883 than they did in 1882. On the other hand, it is highly desirable that there should be a slight surplus for a few years to come, to enable the Fund to fulfil its obligations to the generous friends who rendered it so signal a service in the formation of the Reserve Fund. It will be remembered that the contributions to that Fund were given with the distinct stipulation that any appropriation made, whether of a portion, or the whole of the money contributed, should form a first charge on any future surplus on the ordinary income and expenditure of the Fund, till the whole of the original £2,500 should be made up. As the Reserve Fund now stands at £1,660 6s. 6d., while, as has been shown, £68 9s. 7d. will shortly come into it from the Muter Trustees, it will be seen that we are already within £800 of that sum. Were this once reached the Church would be free to consider how any further development of revenue might be best utilised for the promotion of the great object contemplated by such a fund.

In the autumn of last year, the Presbyteries of Birmingham, Liverpool, and Newcastle were visited, and re-arrangements made with the

various Congregations under the scheme of triennial arrangements. The deputations met in all three Presbyteries with a most cordial reception, and the rearrangements made have brought a substantial increase to the revenue of the Fund. It is proposed that in the course of the ensuing Synodical year, the remaining Presbyteries of the Church be visited, viz., Bristol, Darlington, Manchester, and Northumberland.

In terms of the decision of last Synod in regard to the Lowick case, a new schedule has been presented from that Congregation for the present year, but for reasons which will be fully stated, your Committee have felt it to be their duty once more to refer the case for consideration by the Synod itself.

Your Committee have only further to recommend that during the ensuing year they shall be authorised to take on the Fund as aid-receiving such number of Congregations not exceeding *three* as shall present satisfactory Schedules.

B. AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Of this small but important Fund there is not much to be said. In the good providence of God the Church has not heretofore been required to make provision for many of her ministers in this way, while she has been greatly strengthened to meet such demands as may arise by the establishment of the Pirie Trust. The following statement will show the progress of the Fund since the union, together with its resources and obligations at the present moment. It will be noticed that, in the course of the seven years that have elapsed since the union, the Capital and Income of the Fund have increased by nearly one-half.

Year.	Annuityants.	Capital.			Income from Investments.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1876	2	4,190	4	3	192	17	5
1877	1	5,477	11	9	232	5	7
1878	1	5,628	11	9	233	18	2
1879	2	5,833	4	7	206	13	5*
1880	4	5,910	18	10	245	5	2
1881	4	6,071	16	2	288	5	8
1882	5	6,127	1	2	272	4	5

C. MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

After last report was written, but prior to last meeting of Synod, there occurred the lamented death of the Rev. Dugald MacColl, leaving a widow and two orphans having claims on this Fund. During the Synodical year the Rev. John Orr has also been removed, leaving a widow and one child, as also the Rev. Archibald Craig, leaving a widow and three children, having claims on the Fund.

The present statistics of the Fund, as well as the rapid advance both in its resources and responsibilities, will appear from the following statement, which has been carried back to 1878, when forty-two new members were received in connexion with the union.

* For nine months only.

Year.	Members.	Annuitants.			Capital.	Revenue from Investments.		
		Widows.	Orphaus.	Total.				
					£	£	s.	d.
1878-9	227	10	13	23	14,700	680	0	0
1879-80	231	10	11	21	16,618	745	0	0
1880-1	247	12	20	32	18,923	759	0	0
1881-2	272	14	20	34	20,714	855	8	9
1882-3	290	17	24	40	24,006	938	13	11

Since last Synod your Committee received an application from Rev. James Carswell, who had not connected himself, along with the other former United Presbyterian ministers, with the Fund in 1878, to be allowed to do so now, on payment of his rates from the time of his ordination, together with a satisfactory medical certificate. This your Committee agreed to, subject to the approval of the Synod, and Mr. Carswell having satisfied the conditions stated, is now a member of the Fund provisionally. For their action in this matter your Committee now request Synodical confirmation.

Your Committee regret to say that the whole £2,000 of additional capital deemed needful in 1878 in connection with the reception of former United Presbyterian ministers on the Fund, has not yet been realised. The sum of £1,407 12s. 4d. has, however, been secured mainly through the energy and perseverance of Mr. T. Holder, to whom the thanks of the Synod are due for the attention he has given to the matter. It would be a great satisfaction if the whole £2,000 could be reached within the present year, and so this piece of business closed.

The actuarial inquiry, to which reference was made in last Report, has been vigorously prosecuted throughout the year, though the calculations were long delayed through the difficulty of obtaining a certain limited number of returns. At last, however, your Committee are in a position to report that returns, more or less complete, have been received from every member and from every widow, so that we are at last in possession of full statistics. The ordinary returns ordered by last Synod are also being called in, and a register is in course of preparation, so that in future years complete statistics will always be available.

The report of the Actuary will be printed and circulated separately among the members of the Fund. Here it is enough to state the conclusions at which he has arrived, which are substantially that, though the Fund is at this moment fairly solvent from an actuarial point of view, no increase in the benefits is possible; while it will only be possible to maintain these at the present figure in the future by the Fund's receiving the steady and generous support of the Church in the way of donations and legacies. The reason on which these conclusions rest is the fact that the annual ministerial payment is really on the average only about *seven-tenths* of the actuarial value of the benefits accruing. So far as the present members of the Fund are concerned, the remaining *three-tenths* have been provided by the capital raised in connection with the Fund, aided by donations, and especially by the share which the Fund has hitherto enjoyed of the profits on the hymn-book. But practically

the whole of the past capital and donations are required to secure the present membership. Every addition of a new member will therefore tend to weaken the Fund unless, along with the *seven-tenths* of the actuarial value of his interest in the Fund furnished by his own payment, there is furnished in some way what will also secure the remaining *three-tenths*, annually or otherwise.

The Actuary recommends the abrogation of the provision in the rules allowing a member who shall pass into the service of another Church or into another profession to retire from the Fund, receiving back 60 per cent. of the annual premiums already paid by him. All such repayments imply the existence of a 'surrender value;' but the nature of the benefits and the ratio of the premiums thereto do not certainly create such values; and further, as this provision will lead, as a rule, to the withdrawal only of those whose interest in the Fund is slight, while those likely to burden it will ordinarily remain, there ensues a 'selection' which will tell heavily *against* the Fund, and might prove a source of serious danger. Your Committee are quite satisfied of the justice of this recommendation, and have therefore to suggest that the Synod abrogate the provision in question without further delay.

The Actuary further recommends a change in the form of keeping the accounts, on which your Committee will report further, should this seem necessary, at next Synod. They cannot, however, conclude their reference to this matter on the present occasion without giving expression to their warm sense of the obligations under which Mr. Strachan has laid the Church by his laborious, disinterested, and most valuable services in this inquiry.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

DONALD FRASER,
DAVID MacEWAN,
Joint Conveners.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church'—Sustentation Fund, p. 286; Muter Estate, p. 287; Aged and Infirm Ministers', p. 288; Widows and Orphans', p. 290.]

Appendix A.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.		
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		£	s.	d.
Berwick Presbytery.								
1	Ancroft Moor	122	36	30	£ 9 17 0	£ 70 13 0		
2	Beaumont Union	227	a ...	...	7 1 8	81 14 10	
3	Belford, Columba	132	56	42	13 14 4	91 5 8		
4	" Erskine	216	a ...	...	8 4 10	110 8 5	
5	Berwick, Bankhill	250	30	12	21 0 0	179 0 0		
6	" Wallace Green	812	110	14	86 2 5	...		
7	Chatton... ..	260	94	36	20 1 3	139 18 9		
8	Crookham	170	64	38	26 6 5	83 13 7		
9	Etal	208	93	45	15 4 4	94 15 8		
10	Horncliffe	186	68	37	10 18 10	94 1 2		
11	Lowick	224	112	50	23 7 1	81 12 11		
12	Norham, North Church	193	160	83	18 0 0	90 0 0		
13	" South Church	122	a ...	...	4 19 4	100 0 8	
14	Tweedmouth	192	140	73	13 11 0	91 9 4		
		3314	963	35	278 8 6	1308 14 0		
Birmingham Presbytery.								
15	Birmingham, Broad Street	115	68	59	63 3 6	136 16 6		
16	" Camphill	141	c ...	...	81 0 5	124 19 7	
17	" New John Street	73	b 46	63	52 4 7	95 8 10		
18	" Smethwick	82	25	30	12 0 0	93 0 3		
19	Derby	85	39	46	116 12 6	83 7 6		
20	Dudley	83	41	49	24 3 6	135 16 6		
21	Hanley	100	27	27	17 0 0	163 0 0		
22	Nottingham	179	72	40	130 0 0	75 0 0		
23	Shrewsbury	91	60	66	72 4 8	67 15 4		
24	Stafford	104	20	19	36 0 0	144 0 0		
25	Wolverhampton	186	66	35	35 0 0	121 5 0		
26	Worcester	123	59	48	21 18 9	133 1 3		
		1362	523	43	661 7 11	1373 10 9		
Bristol Presbytery.								
27	Aberdare	45	31	69	34 1 3	90 18 9		
28	Cardiff	238	114	48	115 14 0	134 6 0		
29	Cheltenham	151	41	27	36 9 0	198 11 0		
30	Gloucester	164	203	124	70 8 6	134 11 6		
31	Plymouth	202	30	15	25 0 0	185 0 0		
32	Swansea	158	110	70	70 14 9	129 5 3		
33	Torquay	130	104	80	220 0 0	30 0 0		
		1088	633	58	572 7 6	902 12 6		

(a) Collections.

(b) Exclusive of Sabbath School, which also contributes.

(c) Subscriptions with Pew Rents.

STATEMENT, 1882.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Howley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend in non-par- ticipating Congre- gations.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
80 10 0	0 13 2	14	...	94 10 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	1
f88 16 6	0 7 10	14	...	102 16 6	165 1 5	...	f165 1 5	2
105 0 0	0 15 11	...	...	105 0 0	190 0 0	...	190 0 0	3
118 13 3	0 11 0	...	...	118 13 3	185 0 0	...	185 0 0	4
200 0 0	0 16 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	5
86 2 5	0 7 1	...	200	286 2 5	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	6
160 0 0	0 12 4	...	...	160 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	7
110 0 0	0 12 11	12	...	122 0 0	185 0 0	...	185 0 0	8
110 0 0	0 10 7	12	...	122 0 0	185 0 0	...	185 0 0	9
105 0 0	0 11 3	14	...	119 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	10
105 0 0	0 9 4	11	...	116 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	11
108 0 0	0 11 2	12	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	12
105 0 0	0 17 3	12	...	117 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	13
105 0 4	0 10 11	20	...	125 0 4	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	14
1587 2 6	0 10 9	121	200	1908 2 6	2665 1 5	250 0 0	2915 1 5	
200 0 0	1 14 9	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	15
206 0 0	1 9 3	...	...	206 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	16
147 13 5	2 0 5	...	...	147 13 5	172 6 0	...	f172 6 0	17
105 0 3	1 5 7	...	...	105 0 3	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	18
200 0 0	2 7 1	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	19
160 0 0	1 18 7	...	...	160 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	20
180 0 0	1 16 0	...	...	180 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	21
205 0 0	1 2 11	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	135 0 0	335 0 0	22
140 0 0	1 10 9	...	...	140 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	23
180 0 0	1 14 7	...	...	180 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	24
w156 5 0	0 16 10	...	...	156 5 0	150 0 0	75 0 0	w225 0 0	25
155 0 0	1 5 2	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	26
2034 18 8	1 9 11	...	...	2034 18 8	2322 6 0	410 0 0	2732 6 0	
f125 0 0	2 15 7	...	...	125 0 0	161 13 1	...	f161 13 1	27
250 0 0	1 1 0	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	28
235 0 0	1 11 2	...	...	235 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	29
205 0 0	1 5 0	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	30 0 0	230 0 0	30
210 0 0	1 0 10	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	170 0 0	370 0 0	31
200 0 0	1 5 4	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	32
250 0 0	1 18 6	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	33
1475 0 0	1 7 1	1475 0 0	1361 13 1	1050 0 0	2411 13 1	

(v) Vacant during a portion of year.

(w) For three quarters.

APPENDIX A.

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SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
	Carlisle Presbytery.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
34	Bewcastle	63	76	121	6 12 5	93 7 7
35	Brampton	59	47	80	17 10 11	92 9 1
36	Carlisle, Fisher Street...	385	a ...	...	50 18 9	200 0 0
37	" Warwick Road ...	320	d ...	...	...	220 0 0
38	Cleator Moor	109	66	61	27 0 0	138 0 0
39	Haltwhistle	47	29	62	30 11 10	49 8 2
40	Maryport, Crosby Street	128	106	83	37 15 11	102 4 1
41	" John Street	107	63	59	38 0 0	80 4 6
42	Penrith	79	40	51	56 7 2	98 13 2
43	Whitehaven, High Street	101	76	75	28 1 3	86 18 9
44	" Market Place	213	17	8	13 11 6	201 8 6
45	Workington	147	60	41	34 0 0	136 15 6
		1758	580	55	340 9 9	1493 9 4
	Darlington Presbytery.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
46	Bishop Auckland	104	56	54	143 18 3	36 1 9
47	Crook	90	82	91	64 9 7	50 10 5
48	Darlington	205	a ...	...	9 15 6	190 4 6
49	Grimsby	105	50	48	26 4 0	123 16 0
50	Harrogate	50	17	34	14 15 6	175 15 7
51	Hartlepool	162	30	19	47 0 0	108 0 0
52	Hull, Holderness Road ...	207	122	59	38 6 1	161 13 11
53	" Prospect Street	547	a ...	...	20 17 2	...
54	" Springbank	123	74	60	55 12 4	59 12 8
55	Middlesbrough, Newport Road	118	70	59	68 13 11	106 6 1
56	" Trinity	165	48	29	61 10 6	138 9 6
57	Mount Pleasant	108	e ...	...	24 18 0	95 2 0
58	Redcar	95	38	40	40 7 4	129 12 8
59	Stockton, St. Andrew's ...	215	65	30	128 11 8	81 8 4
60	" St. George's	135	49	36	50 0 2	99 19 10
61	Towlaw	38	58	153	42 0 0	9 14 4
62	West Hartlepool	175	76	43	26 12 5	99 17 7
63	Whitby	100	60	60	37 0 0	88 0 0
64	York	110	49	45	20 0 0	...
		2852	944	47	920 12 5	1754 5 2
	Liverpool Presbytery.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
65	Birkenhead, Claughton ...	281	75	27	215 0 0	197 0 0
66	" Grange Road	396	25	6	66 13 0	...
67	" Hamilton... ..	144	55	38	50 0 0	150 0 0
68	" St. Andrew's	427	100	23	214 0 0	...
69	" St. Paul's	201	64	32	63 12 0	136 8 0
70	Chester	128	33	26	32 15 6	167 4 6
71	Douglas... ..	172	43	25	30 4 0	169 16 0
72	Egremont	461	39	8	45 18 0	204 14 0
73	Liverpool, Canning Street	501	192	38	327 0 0	0 9 1
		2711	626	...	1045 2 6	1025 11 7

(a) Collections.

(d) Weekly Offering system.

(e) No return.

STATEMENT, 1882—continued.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend in non-par- ticipating Congre- gations.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
100 0 0	1 11 9	12	...	112 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	34	
110 0 0	1 17 3	12	...	122 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	35	
250 18 9	0 13 0	...	...	250 18 9	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	36
220 0 0	0 13 9	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	37
165 0 0	1 10 3	12	...	177 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	38	
80 0 0	1 14 1	14	...	94 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	39	
140 0 0	1 1 11	12	...	152 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	40	
118 4 6	1 2 1	12	...	130 4 6	182 6 9	...	182 6 9	41	
155 0 4	1 19 3	...	...	155 0 4	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	42
115 0 0	1 2 9	...	...	115 0 0	163 11 0	...	163 11 0	43
215 0 0	1 0 2	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	36 0 0	236 0 0	44
164 15 6	1 2 5	12	...	176 15 6	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	45	
1833 19 1	1 0 10	86	...	1919 19 1	2255 17 9	236 0 0	2491 17 9		
180 0 0	1 14 7	...	...	180 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	46
115 0 0	1 5 7	12	...	127 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	47	
200 0 0	0 19 6	...	...	260 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	48
150 0 0	1 8 7	...	...	150 0 0	186 13 6	...	186 13 6	49
190 11 1	3 16 3	h9.8.11	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	50	
155 0 0	0 19 2	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	51
200 0 0	0 19 4	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	52
20 17 2	h0 8 1	...	[200]l	220 17 2	...	...	...	53
115 5 0	0 18 9	...	...	115 5 0	173 13 9	...	173 13 9	54
175 0 0	1 9 8	...	...	175 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	55
200 0 0	1 4 3	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	56
120 0 0	1 2 3	14	...	134 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	57	
170 0 0	1 15 9	...	...	170 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	58
210 0 0	0 19 6	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	59
150 0 0	1 2 3	g 50	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	60	
51 14 4	1 7 3	12	...	63 14 4	127 1 6	...	127 1 6	61	
126 10 0	0 14 5	14	...	140 10 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	62	
125 0 0	1 5 0	10	...	135 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	63	
20 0 0	0 3 8	h180	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	64	
2674 17 7	0 18 9	301.8.11	200	3176 6 6	3487 8 9	350 0 0	3837 8 9		
412 0 0	1 9 4	...	...	412 0 0	200 0 0	500 0 0	700 0 0	65
66 13 0	0 13 6	...	200	266 13 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	66	
200 0 0	1 7 9	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	5 0 0	205 0 0	67
214 0 0	0 10 0	...	...	214 0 0	200 0 0	326 0 0	526 0 0	68
200 0 0	0 19 11	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	126 0 0	326 0 0	69
200 0 0	1 11 3	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	7 15 7	207 15 7	70
200 0 0	1 3 3	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	71
250 12 0	0 10 10	...	...	250 12 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	72
327 9 1	0 13 1	...	...	327 9 1	200 0 0	500 0 0	700 0 0	73
2070 14 1	...	...	200	2270 14 1	1800 0 0	2164 15 7	3964 15 7	

(f) Vacant during a portion of year. (g) Home Mission Grant. (h) Paid by congregation.
 (k) Calculated on £220 17s. 2d. (l) Only inserted for purposes of calculation. No such actual payment in this case.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.		
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		£	s.	d.
	LIVERPOOL PRESBYTERY—continued.					£	s.	d.
	Brought forward—	2711	626	...	1045 2 6	1025	11	7
74	Liverpool, Derby Road ...	900	e ...	...	68 11 11	...		
75	" Everton Valley ...	617	e ...	...	44 18 0	200	0	0
76	" Fairfield ...	309	56	18	210 0 0	110	0	0
77	" Islington ..	640	68	11	52 19 0	...		
78	" Mount Pleasant ...	356	e ...	...	80 0 0	...		
79	" Princes Road ...	426	125	29	45 0 0	155	0	0
80	" Queen's Road ...	419	80	19	31 0 0	179	0	0
81	" St. George's ...	460	102	22	112 18 6	107	1	6
82	" St. Peter's ...	409	123	30	65 0 0	140	0	0
83	" Sefton Park ...	346	136	39	516 1 7	...		
84	" Shaw Street ...	184	81	44	43 0 0	157	0	0
85	" Trinity ...	207	72	35	167 0 7	70	0	0
86	" Union ...	570	440	77	210 0 0	...		
87	" Vauxhall Road ...	101	65	64	...	115	7	0
88	Parkgate ...	70	42	60	82 9 0	72	11	0
89	Ramsey ...	66	26	39	30 3 0	89	17	0
90	Rock Ferry ...	257	55	21	303 1 0	...		
91	St. Helen's ...	130	49	38	49 14 0	155	6	0
92	Southport ...	151	107	71	109 1 6	100	18	6
93	Sutton ...	92	5	5	5 12 0	114	13	6
94	Waterloo ...	130	38	29	44 0 0	156	0	0
		9551	2296	30	3315 12 7	2948	6	1
	London Presbytery.							
95	Aldershot ...	137	86	63	135 16 5	14	7	5
96	Aston Tirrold ...	54	42	78	44 9 6	65	10	6
97	Bournemouth ...	150	97	65	189 5 0	40	15	0
98	Brighton, Queen's Road ...	250	160	64	69 5 5	194	14	6
99	" Trinity ...	120	40	33	150 0 0	70	0	0
100	Canterbury ...	55	e ...	...	11 18 1	...		
101	Chatham ...	82	117	143	109 2 11	...		
102	Croydon ...	188	66	35	233 0 0	7	0	0
103	Darenth, Dartford ...	47	e ...	...	267 2 2	...		
104	Gravesend ...	167	40	24	85 8 6	119	11	6
105	Guernsey ...	35	26	74	63 0 0	55	6	6
106	Holybourne ...	39	14	36	93 0 0	...		
107	Ipswich ...	115	89	77	59 2 6	140	17	6
108	Jersey ...	208	e ...	...	52 10 0	...		
109	Lewes ...	71	40	56	31 14 10	123	5	2
110	London, Belgrave ...	278	83	30	106 13 0	168	7	0
111	" Bermondsey ...	93	21	23	29 12 8	123	16	4
112	" Bow Road ...	66	23	35	19 16 6	180	3	6
113	" Brockley ...	221	98	44	125 5 0	79	15	0
114	" Camberwell ...	373	95	25	96 0 0	124	0	0
115	" Camden Road ...	227	64	28	182 5 0	17	15	0
116	" Canonbury ...	147	42	28	63 17 7	141	2	5
117	" Clapham Road ...	939	375	40	400 6 0	200	0	0
118	" Clapton ...	142	37	26	75 0 0	130	0	0
119	" Crouch Hill ...	149	e ...	...	29 5 10	...		
		4353	1655	...	2722 16 11	1996	7	4

(e) No return.

(f) Vacant during a portion of the year.

(g) Home Mission Grant, &c.

STATEMENT, 1882—*continued.*

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend in non-par- ticipating Congre- gations.	Total available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies.)	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
2070 14 1	£ ...	£ ...	200	2270 14 1	1800 0 0	2164 15 7	3964 15 7		
68 11 11	0 6 0	...	200	268 11 11	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0		74
244 18 0	0 7 11	...	...	244 18 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0		75
320 0 0	1 0 9	...	...	320 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0		76
52 19 0	0 7 11	...	200	252 19 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0		77
80 0 0	0 15 9	...	200	280 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		78
200 0 0	0 9 5	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		79
210 0 0	0 10 0	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		80
220 0 0	0 9 7	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0		81
205 0 0	0 10 0	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0		82
516 1 7	1 9 10	...	...	516 1 7	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0		83
200 0 0	1 1 9	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0		84
237 0 7	1 2 11	...	...	237 0 7	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		85
210 0 0	0 7 4	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		86
115 7 0	1 2 10	...	...	115 7 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		87
155 0 0	2 4 3	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		88
120 0 0	1 16 4	...	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		89
303 1 0	1 3 7	...	...	303 1 0	200 0 0	307 0 0	507 0 0		90
205 0 0	1 11 6	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	35 0 0	235 0 0		91
210 0 0	1 7 10	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		92
120 5 6	1 6 2	12	...	132 5 6	185 0 0	...	185 0 0		93
200 0 0	1 10 9	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		94
6263 18 8	0 14 4	12	800	7075 18 8	5985 0 0	6756 15 7	12741 15 7		
150 3 10	1 1 11	...	...	150 3 10	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		95
110 0 0	2 0 9	...	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		96
230 0 0	1 10 8	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		97
263 19 11	1 1 1	...	...	263 19 11	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		98
220 0 0	1 16 8	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		99
11 18 1	0 4 4	g 188.1.11	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	25 6 0	225 6 0		100
109 2 11	1 6 7	...	...	109 2 11	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		101
240 0 0	1 5 6	...	...	240 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		102
u 267 2 2	5 13 8	...	...	267 2 2	u 241 15 0	...	u 241 15 0		103
205 0 0	1 4 7	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		104
118 6 6	3 7 7	...	...	118 6 6	183 8 0	...	f 183 8 0		105
93 0 0	2 7 8	...	...	93 0 0	93 0 0	...	f 93 0 0		106
200 0 0	1 14 9	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	30 0 0	230 0 0		107
x 52 10 0	5 1	...	...	x 52 10 0	50 0 0	37 10 0	x 87 10 0		108
155 0 0	2 3 8	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		109
275 0 0	0 19 9	...	...	275 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0		110
153 9 0	1 13 0	g 46.11.0	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		111
200 0 0	3 0 7	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		112
205 0 0	18 7	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		113
220 0 0	0 11 10	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		114
200 0 0	17 7	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		115
205 0 0	1 7 11	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	105 0 0	305 0 0		116
600 6 0	12 9	...	...	600 6 0	200 0 0	800 0 0	1000 0 0		117
205 0 0	1 8 10	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		118
29 5 10	1 10 9	...	200	229 5 10	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		119
4719 4 3	...	234.12.11	200	5153 17 2	4768 3 0	3597 16 0	8365 19 0		

(u) Covering more than one year.

(x) For one quarter.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.	
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.			
	LONDON PRESBYTERY— <i>continued.</i>				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Brought forward—	4353	1655	...	2722 16 11	1996 7 4	
120	London, Ealing...	85	<i>e</i> ...	...	80 16 6	129 3 6	
121	" East India Road ...	160	70	44	32 6 0	147 14 0	
122	" Forest Hill ...	212	114	54	238 0 0	50 0 6	
123	" Greenwich ...	265	<i>j</i> ...	...	40 0 0	195 1 4	
124	" Hammersmith ...	163	60	37	34 8 6	175 11 6	
125	" Hampstead ...	228	60	26	305 15 0	148 0 0	
126	" Highbury ...	527	<i>e</i> ...	...	126 3 9	...	
127	" Islington ...	507	<i>j</i> ...	...	165 0 0	150 0 0	
128	" Kensington ...	134	73	54	161 0 0	44 0 0	
129	" Kingston-on-Thames...	103	43	42	53 8 7	146 11 5	
130	" Marylebone ...	890	207	23	603 0 0	...	
131	" Millwall ...	136	90	66	24 0 0	86 0 0	
132	" New Barnet ...	74	<i>e</i> ...	...	...	<i>k</i> 210 0 0	
133	" Notting Hill ...	237	107	45	292 16 8	...	
134	" Oxendon ...	169	87	51	80 0 0	87 0 0	
135	" Putney ...	80	<i>e</i> ...	...	<i>k</i> 5 0 0	...	
136	" Regent Square ...	788	<i>j</i> 300	38	925 0 3	...	
137	" Richmond ...	96	75	78	89 0 0	111 0 0	
138	" St. John's Wood ...	621	260	42	494 7 6	...	
139	" South Kensington ...	260	76	29	230 0 0	...	
140	" Southwark ...	181	60	33	35 1 6	79 18 6	
141	" Stepney ...	214	86	40	91 6 4	148 13 8	
142	" Streatham ...	111	<i>j</i> 48	43	157 3 10	42 16 2	
143	" Tooting ...	55	15	27	4 15 6	85 4 6	
144	" Tottenham ...	150	143	95	176 19 4	48 0 8	
145	" Upper Norwood ...	180	58	32	210 0 0	20 0 0	
146	" Victoria Docks ...	142	78	55	182 1 5	23 18 7	
147	" Wandsworth ...	197	<i>e</i> ...	...	122 16 9	102 3 3	
148	" Westbourne Grove ...	221	<i>e</i> ...	...	40 0 0	...	
149	" Whitfield ...	165	120	73	45 0 0	...	
150	" Willesden ...	239	90	33	230 0 0	...	
151	" Wood Green ...	201	122	61	116 0 0	84 0 0	
152	" Woolwich, New Road	211	78	37	86 0 0	129 0 0	
153	" " St. Andrew's	190	44	23	49 2 0	120 18 0	
154	Norwich ...	178	<i>e</i> ...	...	68 0 0	137 0 0	
155	Silverhill, Hastings ...	67	32	48	67 3 0	82 17 0	
156	Southampton, St. Andrew's	240	91	38	67 0 0	158 0 0	
157	" Totton... ..	29	37	128	55 9 0	54 11 0	
158	" Woolston ...	109	<i>e</i> ...	...	34 7 9	165 12 3	
159	Wallington	88	43	49	45 0 0	155 0 0	
		13256	4422	42	8586 6 1	5314 3 2	
	Manchester Presbytery.						
160	Blackburn, Mount Street	48	30	63	12 18 3	107 1 9	
161	" St. George's ...	444	<i>m</i> ...	...	15 18 4	...	
162	Bolton	281	100	36	35 2 5	124 17 7	
163	Bradford	226	145	64	141 0 0	69 0 0	
164	Crewe	96	34	35	47 17 8	70 2 4	
		1095	309	...	252 16 8	371 1 8	

(e) No return.

(f) Vacant during a portion of the year.

(g) Home Mission Grant.

(h) Paid by congregation.

STATEMENT, 1882—continued.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.				From Newby Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend in non-par- ticipating Congre- gations.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.		Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
4719 4 3	...	234 12 11	...	200	5153 17 2	4768 3 0	3597 16 0	3365 19 0		
210 0 0	2 9 5	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	40 0 0	240 0 0		120
180 0 0	1 2 6	...	...	...	180 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		121
288 0 6	1 7 2	...	...	...	288 0 6	200 0 0	310 0 0	510 0 0		122
235 1 4	0 17 9	...	...	...	235 1 4	200 0 0	320 0 0	520 0 0		123
210 0 0	1 5 9	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0		124
453 15 0	1 19 10	...	...	...	453 15 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0		125
126 3 9	0 12 5	...	...	200	326 3 9	200 0 0	650 0 0	850 0 0		126
315 0 0	0 12 5	...	...	...	315 0 0	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0		127
205 0 0	1 10 7	...	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		128
200 0 0	1 18 10	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	5 0 0	205 0 0		129
603 0 0	0 13 7	...	...	...	603 0 0	200 0 0	850 0 0	1050 0 0		130
110 0 0	0 16 2	...	...	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		131
210 0 0	2 16 9	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	57 0 0	257 0 0		132
292 16 8	1 4 9	...	...	...	292 16 8	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0		133
167 0 0	0 19 9	433 0 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	92 0 0	292 0 0		134
5 0 0	2 11 3	...	...	200	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0		135
925 0 3	1 3 6	...	...	...	925 0 3	200 0 0	1000 0 0	1200 0 0		136
200 0 0	2 1 8	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0		137
494 7 6	1 2 4	...	...	200	694 7 6	200 0 0	1000 0 0	1200 0 0		138
230 0 0	0 17 8	...	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0		139
115 0 0	0 12 8	...	...	...	115 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		140
240 0 0	1 2 5	...	...	...	240 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		141
200 0 0	1 16 0	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0		142
90 0 0	1 12 9	...	...	...	90 0 0	90 0 0	20 0 0	110 0 0		143
225 0 0	1 10 0	...	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	142 0 0	342 0 0		144
230 0 0	1 5 7	...	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		145
206 0 0	1 9 0	...	...	...	206 0 0	200 0 0	5 0 0	205 0 0		146
225 0 0	1 2 10	...	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		147
40 0 0	1 1 9	...	...	200	240 0 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0		148
45 0 0	0 5 5	...	...	...	45 0 0	75 0 0	...	775 0 0		149
230 0 0	0 19 3	...	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		150
200 0 0	0 19 11	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0		151
215 0 0	1 0 5	...	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	230 0 0	430 0 0		152
170 0 0	0 17 11	...	...	...	170 0 0	170 0 0	85 0 0	255 0 0		153
205 0 0	1 3 0	...	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0		154
150 0 0	2 4 9	...	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		155
225 0 0	0 18 9	...	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	110 0 0	310 0 0		156
110 0 0	3 15 10	...	...	...	110 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		157
200 0 0	1 16 5	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		158
200 0 0	2 5 5	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		159
13900 9 3	1 1 10	267 12 11	1000	15168 2 2	12413 3 0	12813 16 0	25226 19 0			
120 0 0	2 10 0	...	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0			160
15 18 4	0 9 9	...	200	215 18 4	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0			161
160 0 0	0 11 5	...	...	160 0 0	150 0 0	...	150 0 0			162
210 0 0	0 18 7	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0			163
118 0 0	1 4 7	...	...	118 0 0	186 13 4	...	186 13 4			164
623 18 4	...	...	200	823 18 4	936 13 4	500 0 0	1436 13 4			

(f) Envelope system.

(k) No special organisation.

(m) Annual collection.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
	MANCHESTER PRESBYTERY—cont.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward—	1095	309	...	252 16 8	371 1 8
165	Leeds, St. Columba's ...	47 <i>e</i>	...	...	19 0 6	100 19 6
166	Manchester, Ancoats ...	210	80	38	112 10 0	...
167	" Bowden ...	123 <i>t</i>	...	...	19 4 11	...
168	" Brunswick Street	295	33	11	27 11 0	...
169	" Coupland Street ...	337 <i>m</i>	...	...	25 13 4	...
170	" Grosvenor Square	385 <i>j</i>	...	...	110 19 0	200 0 0
171	" Higher Broughton	84 <i>k</i>	...	...	12 18 7	...
172	" Longsight ...	159	92	58	91 16 2	118 3 10
173	" St. Andrew's ...	256	74	29	62 0 0	168 0 0
174	" Sale ...	135	43	32	174 0 0	36 0 0
175	" Trinity ...	306	75	24	52 0 0	188 0 0
176	" Withington ...	228	130	57	86 4 1	...
177	Ramsbottom ...	159	49	31	29 7 6	120 12 6
178	Sheffield ...	223	80	36	85 5 0	119 15 0
179	Warrington ...	76	15	20	24 0 0	81 0 0
180	Wharton ...	71	50	71	15 9 1	97 10 11
181	Wigan ...	134	34	25	38 9 9	66 10 3
		4323	1064	37	1239 5 7	1667 13 8
	Newcastle Presbytery.					
182	Bellingham ...	150	70	47	13 4 6	145 1 6
183	Blackhill ...	171 <i>e</i>	...	...	18 0 0	...
184	Blyth, Bridge Street ...	100	50	50	18 7 7	111 12 5
185	" Waterloo Road ...	211 <i>k</i>	...	...	3 3 0	...
186	Durham... ..	143	60	42	38 17 4	161 2 8
187	Falston ...	172	40	23	15 0 0	135 0 0
188	Gateshead, Durham Road	370 <i>j</i>	...	...	3 11 0	...
189	" Ellison Street	328 <i>e</i>	...	...	41 5 3	158 14 9
190	Gosforth ...	60 <i>e</i>	...	...	5 13 6	...
191	Hebburn ...	215	220	102	45 17 11	117 2 1
192	Hexham ...	178 <i>e</i>	...	...	...	204 0 0
193	Houghton-le-Spring ...	128	60	47	35 8 6	102 1 6
194	Jarrow, Wear Street ...	97	24	25	15 18 0	86 2 0
195	Killingworth ...	44	18	40	10 3 4	59 14 2
196	Newcastle, Barras Bridge	423	120	28	52 8 3	...
197	" Blackett Street	627 <i>v</i>	...	...	51 6 7	...
198	" Heaton ...	116	64	55	24 2 7	86 2 3
199	" John Knox ...	510	75	15	40 9 7	199 15 0
200	" St. George's ...	330 <i>e</i>	...	...	2 0 0	3 9 0
201	" Trinity ...	768	127	17	75 0 9	197 15 0
202	" Westmoreland Rd.	506	106	21	52 6 3	...
203	North Shields, Howard Street	364	171	47	46 0 0	164 0 0
	" Northumberland Square ...	321	43	13	40 0 0	...
204	Seaton Burn ...	104	20	19	6 0 7	73 19 5
206	Seaton Delaval... ..	115	38	33	30 1 6	92 0 1
		6551	1306	...	684 6 0	2097 11 10

(*e*) No return.

(*f*) Vacant during a portion of year.

(*g*) Home Mission Grant.

(*j*) Envelope system.

(*k*) No special organisation.

STATEMENT, 1882—continued.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.				From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend in non-par- ticipating Congre- gations.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.		Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
623 18 4	...	...	200	823 18 4	936 13 4	500 0 0	1436 13 4			
120 0 0	2 11 1	...	...	120 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0			165
112 10 0	0 10 9	...	...	112 10 0	112 10 0	100 10 0	213 0 0			166
19 4 11	1 15 8	...	200	219 4 11	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0			167
27 11 0	0 15 5	...	200	227 11 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0			168
25 13 4	0 13 5	...	200	225 13 4	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0			169
310 19 0	0 16 2	...	...	310 19 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0			170
12 18 7	2 10 8	...	200	212 18 7	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0			171
210 0 0	1 6 5	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0			172
230 0 0	0 18 0	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	220 0 0	420 0 0			173
210 0 0	1 11 1	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0			174
240 0 0	0 15 8	...	...	240 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0			175
86 4 1	1 5 1	...	200	286 4 1	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0			176
150 0 0	0 18 10	y 50	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	25 0 0	225 0 0			177
205 0 0	0 18 5	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0			178
105 0 0	1 7 8	...	...	105 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0			179
113 0 0	1 11 10	14	...	127 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0			180
105 0 0	0 15 8	14	...	119 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0			181
2906 19 3	0 13 5	78	1200	4184 19 3	4204 3 4	3295 10 0	7499 13 4			
158 6 0	1 1 3	...	...	158 6 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0			182
18 0 0	1 5 6	...	200	218 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0			183
130 0 0	1 6 0	14	...	144 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0			184
3 3 0	0 19 3	...	200	203 3 0	200 0 0	5 0 0	205 0 0			185
200 0 0	1 8 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0			186
150 0 0	0 17 6	...	...	150 0 0	201 2 0	...	201 2 0			187
3 11 0	0 11 0	...	200	203 11 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0			188
200 0 0	0 12 2	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0			189
5 13 6	3 8 7	...	200	205 13 6	200 0 0	10 0 0	210 0 0			190
163 0 0	0 15 2	...	...	163 0 0	185 15 7	...	185 15 7			191
204 0 0	1 2 11	...	...	204 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0			192
137 10 0	1 1 6	...	...	137 10 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0			193
102 0 0	1 1 0	12	...	114 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0			194
69 17 6	1 11 9	12	...	81 17 6	137 3 3	...	137 3 3			195
52 8 3	0 11 11	...	200	252 8 3	200 0 0	460 0 0	660 0 0			196
51 6 7	0 8 0	...	200	251 6 7	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0			197
f 110 4 10	0 19 0	12	...	122 4 10	155 4 10	...	155 4 10			198
240 4 7	0 9 5	...	...	240 4 7	200 0 0	...	200 0 0			199
5 9 0	0 12 5	...	200	205 9 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0			200
272 15 9	0 7 1	...	...	272 15 9	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0			201
52 6 3	0 10 0	...	200	252 6 3	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0			202
210 0 0	0 11 6	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	190 0 0	390 0 0			203
40 0 0	0 14 11	...	200	240 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0			204
80 0 0	0 15 5	14	...	94 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0			205
122 1 7	1 1 3	12	...	134 1 7	200 0 0	...	200 0 0			206
2781 17 10	...	76	1800	4657 17 10	4789 5 8	2115 0 0	6904 5 8			

(m) Annual Collection.

(t) Quarterly Subscriptions.

(p) For a portion of year.

(u) Covering more than 12 months.

(v) Collections and Subscriptions.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
	NEWCASTLE PRESBYTERY—cont.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward—	6551	1306	...	684 6 0	2097 11 10
207	South Shields, Laygate ...	380	j 50	13	27 1 0	...
208	" St. Paul's ...	263	k ...	...	1 0 0	...
209	Stamfordham ...	81	a ...	...	15 13 6	72 16 6
210	Sunderland, North Bridge Street	188	75	40	57 14 11	147 10 0
211	" St. George's ...	500	184	37	62 4 5	187 15 7
212	" St. Stephen's ...	133	71	53	38 16 10	96 3 2
213	" Smyrna ...	233	k ...	...	...	200 0 0
214	" Trinity ...	366	90	25	26 6 11	...
215	Swalwell ...	240	51	21	9 19 0	100 1 0
216	Walker ...	194	68	35	11 8 8	200 0 0
217	Wark ...	78	22	28	9 8 0	70 12 0
218	Willington Quay ...	128	e ...	...	22 1 5	112 18 7
		9335	1917	30	966 0 8	3285 8 8
	Northumberland Presbytery.					
219	Alnwick, Lisburn Street ...	153	36	24	14 16 5	120 0 0
220	" St. James's ...	349	80	23	24 5 0	175 15 0
221	Bavington ...	96	54	56	24 7 6	81 2 6
222	Bedlington ...	130	p ...	...	6 12 3	100 7 9
223	Birdhopecraig ...	107	107	100	37 17 7	86 12 5
224	Branton ...	230	29	13	10 9 6	149 10 6
225	Embleton ...	210	73	35	9 8 9	120 11 3
226	Felton ...	136	54	40	9 15 3	100 4 9
227	Glantou ...	237	119	50	20 0 0	145 0 0
228	Harbottle ...	188	120	64	14 17 0	108 16 3
229	Longframlington ...	63	35	56	24 16 3	36 3 9
230	Morpeth... ...	300	82	27	15 0 0	200 0 0
231	Newbiggin ...	80	j ...	...	15 0 0	90 0 0
232	North Middleton ...	86	56	65	22 18 10	77 1 2
233	North Sunderland, East Church	97	40	41	10 0 0	50 0 0
234	" West Church	178	n ...	...	5 4 3	139 15 9
235	Otterburn ...	117	80	68	41 12 0	107 3 0
236	Thropton ...	135	45	33	22 13 0	90 1 0
237	Warenford ...	187	67	36	12 19 3	102 0 9
238	Warkworth ...	190	e ...	...	6 2 0	118 18 0
239	Widdrington ...	160	e ...	...	25 0 0	84 5 0
240	Wooler, Cheviot Street ...	346	k ...	...	...	200 0 0
241	" Tower Hill ...	150	p ...	...	2 15 6	97 4 6
242	" West Chapel ...	210	102	49	34 3 6	117 16 6
		4135	1179	41	410 13 10	2698 9 10

(*) Collections.

(e) No return.

(j) Envelope system.

(k) No special organisation.

(n) Quarterly collections.

(p) Box at church door.

STATEMENT, 1882—continued.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Hemley Trusts and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend in non-par- ticipating Congre- gations.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
2781 17 10	...	76	1800	4657 17 10	4789 5 8	2115 0 0	6904 5 8	
27 1 0	0 11 11	...	200	227 1 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	207
1 0 0	0 15 3	...	200	201 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	208
88 10 0	1 1 10	14	...	102 10 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	209
205 4 11	1 1 10	...	...	205 4 11	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	210
250 0 0	0 10 0	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	211
135 0 0	1 0 4	12	...	147 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	212
200 0 0	0 17 2	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	213
26 6 11	0 12 4	...	200	226 6 11	200 0 0	212 10 0	412 10 0	214
110 0 0	0 9 2	12	...	122 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	215
211 8 8	1 1 10	...	...	211 8 8	200 0 0	2 10 0	202 10 0	216
80 0 0	1 0 6	...	...	80 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	217
135 0 0	1 1 1	...	...	135 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	218
4251 9 4	0 14 5	114	2400	6765 9 4	7144 5 8	3030 0 0	10174 5 8	
134 16 5	0 17 7	...	...	134 16 5	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	219
200 0 0	0 11 6	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	220
105 10 0	1 2 0	13	...	118 10 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	221
107 0 0	0 16 6	16	...	123 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	222
124 10 0	1 3 3	11	...	135 10 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	223
160 0 0	0 13 11	...	...	160 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	224
130 0 0	0 12 5	12	...	142 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	225
110 0 0	0 16 2	12	...	122 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	226
165 0 0	0 13 11	...	...	165 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	227
123 13 3	0 13 2	14	...	137 13 3	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	228
61 0 0	0 19 4	15	...	76 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	229
215 0 0	0 14 4	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	10 0 0	210 0 0	230
105 0 0	1 6 3	14	...	119 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	231
100 0 0	1 3 3	10	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	232
60 0 0	0 12 4	12	...	72 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	233
145 0 0	0 16 4	...	...	145 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	234
148 15 0	1 5 5	...	...	148 15 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	235
112 14 0	0 16 8	14	...	126 14 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	236
115 0 0	0 12 4	...	...	115 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	237
125 0 0	0 13 2	...	...	125 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	238
109 5 0	0 13 8	14	...	123 5 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	239
200 0 0	0 11 7	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	124 0 0	324 0 0	240
100 0 0	0 13 4	...	...	100 0 0	138 0 0	...	138 0 0	241
152 0 0	0 14 6	...	...	152 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	242
3109 3 8	0 15 0	157	...	3266 3 8	4648 0 0	134 0 0	4782 0 0	

(f) Vacant during portions of year.

(o) Two Ministers.

(u) Covering more than 12 month.

TABLE SHOWING SUM

No	PRESBYTERIES.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Berwick	3314	963	29	278 8 6	1308 14 0
2	Birmingham	1362	523	38	661 7 11	1373 10 9
3	Bristol	1088	633	58	572 7 6	902 12 6
4	Carlisle	1758	580	33	340 9 9	1493 9 4
5	Darlington	2852	944	33	920 12 5	1754 5 2
6	Liverpool	9551	2296	30	3315 12 7	2948 6 1
7	London	13256	4422	42	8586 6 1	5314 3 2
8	Manchester	4323	1064	37	1239 5 7	1667 13 8
9	Newcastle	9335	1917	30	966 0 8	3285 8 8
10	Northumberland	4135	1179	41	410 13 10	2698 9 10
		50974	14521	38	17291 4 10	22746 13 2

MARY OF RECEIPTS, &c.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Hewley Trust and other Sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend in non-par- ticipating Congre- gations.	Total available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Con- gregations to Ministers in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1587 2 6	0 10 9	121 0 0	200	1908 2 6	2065 1 5	250 0 0	2915 1 5	1
2034 18 8	1 9 11	...	...	2034 18 8	2322 6 0	410 0 0	2732 6 0	2
1475 0 0	1 7 1	...	...	1475 0 0	1361 13 1	1050 0 0	2411 13 1	3
1833 19 1	1 0 10	86 0 0	...	1919 19 1	2255 17 9	236 0 0	2491 17 9	4
2674 17 7	0 18 9	301 8 11	200	3176 6 6	3487 8 9	350 0 0	3837 8 9	5
6263 18 8	0 14 4	12 0 0	800	7075 18 8	5985 0 0	6756 15 7	12741 15 7	6
13900 9 3	1 1 0	267 12 11	1000	15168 2 2	12413 3 0	12813 16 0	25226 19 0	7
2906 19 3	0 13 5	78 0 0	1200	4184 19 3	4204 3 4	3295 10 0	7499 13 4	8
4251 9 4	0 9 1	114 0 0	2400	6765 9 4	7144 5 8	3030 0 0	10174 5 8	9
3109 3 8	0 15 0	157 0 0	...	3266 3 8	4648 0 0	134 0 0	4782 0 0	10
40037 18 0	0 15 9	1137 1 10	5800	46974 19 10	46486 19 0	28326 1 7	74813 0 7	

APPENDIX B. CLASSIFICATION OF CONGREGATIONS WITH THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

PRESBYTERIES.	AID-RECEIVING.				AID-GIVING.				NEITHER AID-GIVING NOR AID-RECEIVING.				UNCON- NECTED.		TOTAL.												
	Equal Dividend.		Less than Equal Dividend.		Participating.		Non-Participating.		Receiving Equal Dividend.		Receiving less than Equal Dividend (12th Clause of S. F. Act.)		Church Extension.	Old Charges.	Congregations.	Amount.											
	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.															
													£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Berwick ...	8	881	16	10	4	419	3	3	...	...	...	1	86	2	5	...	...	...	2	16	1,587	2	6	
Birmingham ...	7	1,067	13	8	...	...	...	...	3	567	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	15	2,034	18	8
Bristol ...	1	125	0	0	5	1,150	0	0	2	1	8	1,475	0	0		
Carlisle ...	6	849	15	10	3	298	4	6	3	685	18	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darlington ...	10	1,431	15	0	1	511	4	1	...	210	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Liverpool ...	3	390	7	0	1	120	5	6	15	4,085	2	3	4	201	7	2	360	11	1	...	...	...	...	...
London ...	9	1,127	13	3	2	225	0	0	35	9,861	19	4	4	268	3	11	7	1,400	0	...	...	...	...	...
Manchester ...	5	561	0	0	1	120	0	0	8	1,775	19	0	6	187	10	3	11	2,137	0	...	...	...	...	...
Newcastle...	11	1,439	12	5	4	331	17	6	7	1,593	13	11	12	286	5	6	3	600	0	...	...	...	...	...
Northumberland...	18	2,273	3	8	3	221	0	0	1	215	0	0	...	...	...	...	2	400	0	...	...	...	...	...
1882 ...	78	10,147	17	8	19	1,787	5	1	78	20,144	18	3	28	1,049	8	10	31	6,087	0	8	821	8	2	40,037	18	0	
1881 ...	83	10,527	13	5	15	1,352	12	8	70	17,863	6	6	31	1,613	11	9	30	5,743	11	9	8	694	13	10	37,795	9	11
1880 ...	80	10,502	3	6	20	1,676	17	4	72	17,757	15	4	38	2,108	4	1	22	3,993	14	5	6	445	7	6	36,484	2	0
1879 ...	86	10,892	7	3	15	1,268	1	4	69	17,067	3	5	34	1,730	12	7	23	4,200	0	0	5	421	8	5	35,579	13	0
1878 ...	88	11,339	8	4	15	1,311	7	10	73	18,216	4	2	28	1,131	6	7	17	3,400	0	0	6	500	17	11	35,899	4	10

APPENDIX C. RELATION OF PRESBYTERIES TO AID NEEDED AND FURNISHED.

PRESBYTERIES.	Aid needed.		Aid supplied.		Net Amount to which Aid-receiving.		Net Amount to which Aid-giving.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Berwick ...	903 9 7	843 1 4	82 11 0	86 2 5	820 18 7	756 18 11	...	...
Birmingham ...	369 2 1	304 12 4	11 0 0	17 5 0	298 2 1	287 7 4	...	...
Bristol ...	59 2 0	36 13 1	145 0 0	150 0 0	...	...	85 18 0	113 6 11
Carlisle ..	453 10 6	421 17 5	64 16 6	85 18 9	388 14 0	335 18 8	...	...
Darlington ...	629 4 0	541 19 5	43 6 10	30 17 2	585 17 2	511 2 3	...	...
Liverpool ...	278 2 6	262 7 6	1,178 10 0	1,353 6 2	...	...	900 7 6	1,090 18 8
London ...	809 12 0	615 14 9	3,179 16 11	3,370 13 11	...	...	2,370 4 11	2,754 19 2
Manchester ...	350 14 8	432 13 4	452 3 7	413 9 3	...	19 4 1	101 8 11	...
Newcastle ...	812 18 5	858 15 9	458 0 7	479 19 5	354 17 10	378 16 4	...	...
Northumberland	1,403 17 6	1,396 16 4	20 0 0	15 0 0	1,383 17 6	1,381 16 4	...	...
	6,009 13 3	5,714 11 3	5,635 5 5	6,002 12 1	3,832 7 2	3,671 3 11	3,457 19 4	3,959 4 9

APPENDIX D.

AID-RECEIVING CONGREGATIONS—CHANGES BETWEEN 1878 AND 1882.

PRESBYTERIES.	DIMINISHED CLAIMS.				INCREASED CLAIMS.	
	Congregations still aid-receiving.	Congregations become self-sustaining.	Congregations now on Home Mission.	Congregations that have ceased to exist.	Congregations still aid-receiving.	New Claims.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Berwick ...	50 7 1	...	...	...	25 1 6	...
Birmingham ...	29 3 4	...	...	...	...	125 0 0 [3]
Bristol ...	51 13 9	...	...	...	...	...
Carlisle ...	151 1 9	...	...	...	30 11 6	...
Darlington ...	90 4 1	...	...	...	...	176 13 6 [5]
Liverpool ...	27 5 6	...	...	...	51 2 0	...
London ...	159 11 11	86 15 6 [3]	95 19 9 [2]	95 0 0 [1]	10 10 0	...
Manchester ...	19 6 8	...	67 4 10 [1]	111 5 0 [1]	136 15 11	...
Newcastle ...	150 16 7	75 0 0 [3]	...	77 10 0 [2]	59 19 8	33 0 0 [1]
Northumberland ...	93 3 6	35 0 0 [2]	...	...	48 18 11	...
Total ...	782 14 2	196 15 6 [8]	163 4 7 [3]	283 15 0 [4]	362 19 6	334 13 6 [9]

III.

HOME MISSION REPORT,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

I.—CHURCH EXTENSION.

THERE is still too little to report in regard to new work actually undertaken in this department, but the following brief notes will show that there is at least the promise of increased activity for the coming year.

1. Soon after last year's report was put in type, the same generous friend to whom the Church is indebted for opening the way for the establishment of a congregation at Darenth—Mr. J. T. Morton—proposed to the Presbytery of London to render a similar service in the neighbourhood of *Edenbridge*, where he had erected a church for the benefit of the inhabitants of the district, which he offered to transfer in terms of the model Trust Deed on certain specified conditions. After careful inquiry the London Presbytery felt it their duty to lay the case before last Synod, which gave authority for the establishment of a regular congregation at Edenbridge, should this be found expedient. The church was accordingly opened for public worship on June 21st last, from which date services were steadily maintained under the care of the Rev. W. E. Shaw, M.A., a probationer of the United Presbyterian Church. Matters, however, advanced so rapidly that within the first six months the way was made perfectly clear for raising the station at once to the status of a regular charge, and proceeding to the settlement of a minister. Mr. Shaw, having been duly called, was accordingly settled over the congregation on December 27th last, in circumstances full of present encouragement and of hope for the future. Since that time the congregation has continued to prosper in every way, the only drawback being that the church, which was only seated for 250 persons, has proved too small for the people who gather on Sabbaths, while there is an average attendance at the week evening service of from sixty to seventy persons.

A Sabbath school has been organised, with nine teachers and ninety scholars. There is also a day school, under Government inspection, with seventy scholars.

The congregation at Edenbridge, like that at Darenth, has been established without any expenditure from the Funds of the Church, and there is no reason to believe that it will require assistance in the future.

2. Reference was made in last year's Report to a hall in process of erection at *Silvertown*, in the neighbourhood of Albert Dock, with a view to the formation of a congregation there. This has now been accomplished. The hall was opened for public worship on September 19th last, and a substantial nucleus of a congregation has been already gathered, the membership having now reached 100. There is no reason why this should not soon develope into a vigorous congregation.

3. Services of a tentative character were also commenced at *East Moulsey*, on the south bank of the Thames, immediately opposite to Hampton Court, on December 17th last, and have so far proved very encouraging. The average attendance at the morning service has been 26, in the evening 100; but the attendance has occasionally considerably exceeded these numbers. Friends acquainted with the district report that there is a good opening for a Presbyterian Church, the district being almost entirely unoccupied, so far as Nonconformist Churches are concerned, while there is a general desire among the leading people of the neighbourhood for a Church of Presbyterian doctrine and polity, and many are ready to come forward and connect themselves with us, so soon as the movement shall have ceased to bear its present merely tentative character.

4. The movement referred to in last Report for the commencement of services at *West Kirby*, on the banks of the Dee, has now been fairly launched. There being no hall available, and the movement having been in the first instance very much of the nature of an experiment, it was deemed expedient to begin with an Iron Church, the cost of which was entirely defrayed at the outset by the friends interested. Services were commenced there in May last, and have been well attended, not only during the summer months, when there are a large number of visitors, but also throughout the winter. The congregation has been hitherto entirely self-sustaining.

5. The Presbytery of Liverpool also report that in the course of last December a Preaching Station was opened in that city, in the neighbourhood of *Marsh Lane*, the northern part of Bootle, to meet the wants of the rapidly increasing population in that district and the adjoining portion of Seaforth. A room has been obtained capable of accommodating about 170 people, in which services will be held till it is found convenient to erect a church or a hall (to be afterwards used as a schoolroom) on whatever may be found to be the most suitable site. The movement has been so far a very decided success, the room having been frequently completely filled at the evening service, and the contributions by Sunday collections and monthly subscriptions being such as to encourage the hope that it will be entirely self-supporting.

In addition to these places, in which work has been actually begun, several Presbyteries report an immediate prospect of renewed activity.

The Presbytery of *London* report that sites have been secured with a view to the commencement of congregations at *Highgate* and *Tulse Hill*. At the former place, however, it is not intended to commence

services till a church shall have been erected, for which subscriptions have been already received.

The Presbytery of *Manchester* are also about to commence operations at *Harpurhey*, a populous district on the north side of Manchester, containing a considerable number of Presbyterian families, at present unconnected with any Church; and also at *Oldham*, a town of about 100,000 inhabitants, on which they have had their eye for some time, and where they believe there is a good opening for a Presbyterian Church. Services were to be commenced at the latter of these places on the second Sabbath of March.

The Presbytery of *Bristol* contemplate breaking ground at an early period at *Swindon*.

The Presbytery of *Newcastle* recognise the call to Church extension in that district, especially in *Newcastle* itself, and in *Sunderland*, but have not yet arrived at any practical decision in the matter.

The Presbytery of *Birmingham* are also considering the claims of several towns in the Midland districts, and hope soon to have their way opened to commence operations in one or other of them.

In regard to the Church extension enterprises previously reported, the following are all that continue to demand special notice:—

1. *Darenth*.—The congregation here have called Rev. A. Smith, a probationer of our Church, who had previously laboured among them as a senior student for upwards of a year. Mr. Smith having accepted the call addressed to him, was duly settled on August 24th last. The congregation continues to make progress, and its varied agencies are exercising an important influence in the district.

2. The congregation at *St. Leonard's* has also been settled, having called the Rev. J. Jeffrey Johnstone, a probationer of the United Presbyterian Church, who was ordained there on May 25th last. A church has been erected, which will have been opened before this Report is presented. It is hoped that this will greatly help the future growth of the congregation, which has progressed on the whole as rapidly as could be expected, since the settlement of the Minister.

3. The congregation at *Stoke Newington* has again experienced considerable disappointment in connection with a third effort to secure a minister, but the nucleus continue to hold well together, and, with your Committee, have as firm faith as ever as to the prospects of the charge when a suitable minister shall have been secured. It is to be hoped that their faith and patience will be speedily rewarded.

4. The Station at *Blackheath* was raised into a regular charge on June 13th last, and has made satisfactory progress. Though disappointed in their first effort to secure a minister, they are 'in good heart,' and are already rendering excellent service in the district, in Sabbath School and Mission work.

5. The Preaching Station at *Scarborough* was erected into a regular charge on May 9th last. Owing to a variety of causes the progress

has not been so rapid as could have been desired, but the Presbytery hope everything from an early and suitable settlement.

6. Neither has the Preaching Station at *Walton* (Liverpool) made all the progress that could have been desired. Though the attendance at the services kept steadily on the increase for several months, there has been, owing to special causes, a falling off latterly. The hall in which the work has been hitherto carried on has proved in various respects unsuitable. Steps are being taken, however, to secure the erection of a more comfortable building in a more central locality.

7. The services at *Cambridge* are still accompanied with a large measure of success. The local congregation, indeed, has become so considerable that the question is being forced on the attention of those having charge of the movement whether the purely academic character which it has hitherto borne ought to be maintained, or whether it has not become a necessity to contemplate the formation of a fully organised charge, so as to provide for the pastoral superintendence of the people, whether connected with the university or with the town, who have gathered round it.

The amount of grants paid under this head last year was £1,123 6s. 8d., against £1,041 9s. 8d. in 1881. It will be seen that the demands on the Fund for Church extension are already beginning to increase. The probability is that there will be a considerable addition to the expenditure next year. There is, therefore, every need that the contributions throughout the Church during this and subsequent years should be maintained and, if possible, increased.

Your Committee notice that at a special Conference arranged by the Presbytery of Liverpool on the subject of Church extension, it was agreed to memorialise your venerable court to hold a Conference on the same subject. Your Committee beg to express their hearty concurrence in this request. They are conscious that, owing doubtless to the pressure of other business, the work of this Committee has not recently received from the Synod the amount of careful consideration that was desirable. They feel that their hands would be greatly strengthened in this department of their work could time be secured for a frank and full discussion of the best methods of exciting and directing earnest effort in this great work of Church extension. The absolute necessity for the Church's continuing to move forward in this matter, no one capable of discerning the signs of the times can doubt. A conference in which the matter could be discussed so as to impress that necessity on the minds of the Church, and at the same time give the movement the full benefit of the varied experience of the brethren, could not but prove eminently serviceable.

It may be convenient at this point to refer to a special application made to your Committee on behalf of the congregation at *Ramsbottom*. Owing to causes explained by the representatives of the Presbytery of Manchester, an urgent request was made for a grant of £100 for one year, to aid the congregation there. Your Committee experienced

great difficulty in dealing with the application, owing to the fact that the Rules authorised by the Synod did not seem to them to provide for their taking up such cases. The minutes in the case will be laid before the Synod, in the hope that it will see its way, in all the circumstances of the case, to approve the action taken by your Committee.

II.—CHURCH BUILDING AND DEBT EXTINCTION.

Last Synod, having approved of the proposals for a new Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund, as then drafted under previous instructions, enjoined your committee 'to use diligence in laying these proposals before the Church, and to use such means as may be necessary to draw forth the liberality of the people, and raise £25,000 in five years.'

Your Committee deemed it desirable, in connection with this new effort, to prepare a statement, showing what had been accomplished under the Fund which is now being wound up. The tables prepared for that Statement will be found as an appendix to this Report (A), and embrace also, as will be seen, the valuable supplementary assistance rendered, in a portion of the cases, by the Union Thanksgiving Fund. The following is a brief summation of the results, as exhibited in these tables :—

1. Stimulated by assistance from the larger section of the Fund, amounting in the aggregate to £21,375,* together with further assistance from the Union Thanksgiving Fund to the amount of £4,345—in all £25,720—thirty-one Church extension charges have built themselves places of worship, amounting in value to £173,719, of which only £23,378 now remains unpaid.

2. Encouraged by smaller grants from the Aid and Loan Fund, amounting in the aggregate to £2,675, with additional grants from the Union Thanksgiving Fund, amounting to £1,124—in all £3,799—thirteen of our older congregations have acquired new property, amounting in value to £42,154, of which not more than £7,600 remains unpaid.

3. Combining these results it appears that in the course of these ten years property has been acquired on behalf of the Church in connection with forty-four congregations, to the value of £215,873, at a cost to the public funds of £29,519, while the debt remaining on the whole does not exceed £30,978.

4. Besides the transactions thus connected with the creation or improvement of Church property, £12,465 of Church debt has been extinguished in connection with thirteen other congregations, towards which the aid furnished from the Church's funds has amounted to £3,070—£1,970 of that sum having been furnished from the Aid and Loan Fund, and £1,100 from the Union Thanksgiving Fund.

* Five of the congregations concerned have also unclaimed moieties of their grants standing at their credit. [Reduced, as the Report passes through the press, to four.]

5. The aggregate result of the whole is that, in the course of these ten years, the value of the Church's property, so far as this Committee has had to deal with it, has been increased by £215,873, on which there now remains not more than £30,978 of debt, while debt has been paid off in connection with other congregations to the amount of £12,465, the expenditure from the public funds in connection with the whole of these transactions having been £32,589.

These results are, of course, far from representing the whole activity of the Church, either in church building or debt extinction. They take no account of the operation of the Union Thanksgiving Fund in connection with other congregations, nor of work done in congregations that have received no assistance from the public funds. As they stand, however, the figures are surely sufficiently striking, as showing at once the very important advance that has been made in the ten years covered by the operations of this Committee, and the immense value of such Funds.

Owing to the urgent claims that have been pressing upon the Church during the past year, your Committee did not deem it expedient to take steps for launching the new Fund earlier than the spring, and even then found it expedient, after communicating with the more important provincial Presbyteries, to confine their immediate action to holding one meeting in connection with the Presbytery of London. They have to report that up to date the sum of £5,100 has been subscribed in that Presbytery, which they have no doubt will be largely increased as the various Congregations of the Presbytery are canvassed in connection with the movement.

The present position of the two expiring Funds will be seen in detail from the accounts as submitted by the Treasurership Committee. One or two points only demand notice.

1. *Church Building Fund*.—The receipt of £1,000 from the Union Thanksgiving Fund enabled your Committee to place one additional Congregation on the Fund, making a total of thirty-one. In all £23,526 10s. 5d. have been received, £5,759 8s. 0d. of that amount having been furnished through the Thanksgiving Fund. From this sum, however, £443 16s. 1d. must be deducted on account of working expenses of all sorts, together with architects' fees, reducing the amount available for grants to £23,083 3s. 4d. The claims on the Fund, on account of the thirty-one Congregations placed on it, amount to £23,250, showing a deficiency, were your Committee called upon to pay up all current grants, of £166 16s. 8d. The Balance Sheet shows a Credit Balance meanwhile of £1,708 3s. 4d. against five unclaimed moieties of grants, amounting to £1,875, exhibiting the same deficiency.*

2. *The Aid and Loan Fund* shows a debit balance of £41 4s. 9d., with unclaimed grants amounting to £200, against Loans repayable to the amount of £455.

* As the Report passes through the press, one of these five moieties has been claimed and paid.

III.—EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Your Committee have been, as usual, in communication with the various Presbyteries through their respective Evangelisation Committees, in regard to their activity in evangelistic work, and have received reports from seven of them, some of them of an exceedingly full and satisfactory character.

Your Committee have thought it well, on the present occasion, instead of reporting in detail on every Presbytery, to give special attention to one or two, which have furnished full details, leaving it to subsequent reports to deal similarly with other portions of the field. An excellent report has been furnished, as usual, from the Presbytery of Darlington, but both this Presbytery and that of Bristol will be specially reported on by the Synod Deputies. Your Committee therefore confine themselves, on the present occasion, as regards details, to the two typical Presbyteries of Liverpool and Carlisle, with a briefer reference to the other Presbyteries which have furnished reports.

1. In the *Liverpool* Presbytery returns have been received from all the Congregations within the bounds, showing that, according to their several ability and resources, all are endeavouring to do their part in spreading the Gospel amongst the neglected of the community. Of the thirty-one Congregations composing that Presbytery nineteen have district missions, three of these more than one each. Besides these, one, though having no separate district, maintains a flourishing Mission Sabbath School with Children's Services; two others have Mission Children's Services; while another is reported, though having no special mission organisation, as taking an active part in various undenominational mission and temperance agencies.

The details show twenty-eight Sabbath services, with an aggregate attendance of nearly 2,000; twenty-nine week-day services, attendance—so far as stated—309; [twenty-three Mission Sunday Schools, attendance 5,890;*] and twenty Children's Services, with an attendance of 1,380. There are employed one Probationer, seven Missionaries, eight Bible women, with many voluntary helpers. In connection with Congregations or Missions there are reported seventeen Temperance Societies and twenty-seven Bands of Hope.

Cottage meetings are likewise held with more or less success by ten Congregations; 'in some other cases, they have been tried without much encouragement;' whilst 'with few exceptions the Congregations have had special evangelistic services in the course of the year or at the close of the previous year.'

The Report enumerates the various valuable subsidiary agencies which exist alongside those of a more purely evangelistic character. To these your Committee will not now refer, but it is with interest and satisfaction that they read of the additions to the Church through mission and evangelistic effort. Claughton mentions twenty-two, Grange Road ten, Hamilton Church three, Egremont 'many from year to year,' Rockferry two, Fairfield 'some from time to time,' Dorby Road 'four, but the greater number remain connected with the mission;

* These figures corrected from table at p. 95.

Princes Road one, Sutton twenty to thirty, Parkgate six or eight, Union Church ten.' The report concludes: 'On a review of the whole your Committee think the Presbytery has cause for gratitude that there is evidence of so much of the real work of the Christian Ministry and of the Christian Church going on in the various Congregations, and that in so many cases the work is already producing results fitted to cheer the hearts of faithful labourers, while in others it is full of promise that "the bread cast upon the waters shall be found after many days."'

2. The Presbytery of *Carlisle* is an example of a smaller Presbytery, which during the past year has given special attention to evangelistic effort and with very encouraging results. Returns are reported from every Congregation within the bounds, all telling of exceptionally numerous efforts of an evangelistic and aggressive character.

Your Committee notice with especial satisfaction that in almost every instance in which Special Services have been held the results have been markedly encouraging. Such services are reported in connection with five congregations, the minister being generally assisted by brethren of his own or of adjoining Presbyteries. At *Brampton*, they 'resulted in several additions to the membership of the Church, the meetings were largely attended, and the spiritual life of the Church deepened.' During a 'week of Gospel addresses at *Cleator Moor* the attendance reached each evening a hundred, sometimes more. The impression deepened, and much good has been the result in conversions.' At *Warwick Road, Carlisle*, services were held during the early part of April: 'there was such interest manifested that they were continued an additional week at the request of the people.' In the month of December a series of evangelistic services was held at *Haltwhistle*, 'the interest in which exceeded expectations, and has led to the determination to repeat the effort in the course of a few months.' The Minister of *Penrith* also 'reports a week of evangelistic meetings following the Anniversary Sunday.' The meetings were not large, but 'a salutary influence was produced by them.'

The record is not less encouraging of more ordinary and continuous work, and there has been during the year some breaking of new ground. 'Evangelistic services were carried on during summer at *Bewcastle* as circumstances permitted,' the minister seeking in this way 'to carry the Gospel round the parish with a view to awaken an interest in Church attendance, and to interest the careless in Divine things. In these respects the meetings were not in vain.'

A mission is conducted in Milton village, near *Brampton*, the Minister officiating once a fortnight with much acceptance.

In connection with *Fisher Street, Carlisle*, 'services have been conducted at Stanwix on Sunday afternoons and on Thursday evenings. The work of the Mission School has also been prosecuted with vigour.'

Warwick Road, Carlisle.—The Mission Hall at *Etterby*, near the homes of the employes of the Caledonian Railway Company, continues to be the centre of good work. The Sunday School prospers, and there are services on Sabbath afternoons and on Tuesday evenings. The Hall must come down, owing to the erection of additional houses, but the

Railway Company have generously intimated that it shall be rebuilt at their expense on a suitable site on their property. 'A Mission Room was opened in February in the district of Blackwell Road, to the south-west of Carlisle, among a railway population. A Sabbath School, Band of Hope, and Tuesday Evening Service are in full operation, and are increasingly appreciated.' In March there was likewise one opened in Wood Street, behind the railway station, in a very needy locality. 'The Sabbath School meets regularly, and there is a Wednesday Evening Service. The place is too small for the numbers that occasionally come.'

At *Harrington* an evangelistic service is conducted at *Distington*, a parish adjoining. 'The meetings are held fortnightly and are well attended, sometimes 50 and 60 adults being present. The interest manifested in the services is wonderfully maintained, and points to a work of grace in the hearts of the people which, by God's blessing, will increase.' A Sabbath School has likewise been opened.

At *Penrith* the Minister conducts a weekly cottage Prayer Meeting at the Townhead, and a weekly evangelistic service is held in the Mission Schoolroom.

'The Mission at *Moresby Park*, a mining district three miles from *Whitehaven*, is carried on as in former years. The directors of the Company supply the place of meeting, and fire and light, free of charge.' A Sabbath School is taught by young people from *Market Street Church*, and a meeting on Sabbath evenings conducted by an elder, while the Minister takes the service on alternate Tuesday evenings. There is much interest shown, and from ten to fifteen persons attend the Church in *Whitehaven* when the weather is fine.

A monthly service is held at *Gilgarvan* near *Workington*, and during the year a second has been commenced at *Great Clifton*, while the Mission Services on Sunday evenings and on Thursdays are continued on the 'Marsh,' a neglected part of the town.

No Congregational Mission exists at *Maryport*, but evangelistic work is carried on in connection with a Town Mission, and our Ministers are frequently present at the meetings and take part in the services, and there have been accessions to the membership of both congregations through the results of this Home Mission work.

3. *Birmingham*.—'Regular Home Mission work is carried on in some form in connection with nearly every one of the congregations in the Presbytery, but there are no operations recorded which have not been amply mentioned in previous reports.'

4. There is, as in past years, a full and able report from *Manchester*. Your Committee observe with interest that in one or two directions steps in advance have been taken in this Presbytery during the year. Mission premises have been secured in two cases, and a larger number of Sunday services, as well as of cottage meetings, are maintained than in previous years. In one or two of the brief notices given from Mission Reports, there appear evidences of some measure of manifested fruitfulness, but the pervading tone is rather that of persevering hopefulness. 'Eight congregations have held special evangelistic services, and several have taken part in the Blue Ribbon movement in their respective neighbourhoods.'

Your Committee have satisfaction in observing that this Presbytery aims not only at watching over, but in some measure directing, the work of evangelisation within its bounds.

5. *Newcastle*.—The Report from this Presbytery presents some features of much interest. ‘Almost every congregation has Sabbath schools for Mission children, in some instances two or even three. The Committee are pleased to find that in addition to the ordinary Sabbath-day services, the Gospel is faithfully preached in outlying villages and hamlets. In the town and city charges cottage meetings are held, and upon such it would appear the Divine blessing has rested in a marked degree.’ Your Committee note with satisfaction that regular systematic preaching of the Word is carried on in some Missions by elders of the Church, and that several congregations have found it desirable to have the Lord’s Supper administered regularly in their Congregational Missions. There have also been evidences of the Divine blessing in connection with some of the special services held in different places during the year; and the Evangelistic Committee, it is gratifying to know, take the initiative when occasion offers in instituting such services, as well as hold themselves ready to render assistance in the conduct of them when desired to do so. The Convener concludes his Report by expressing regret that ‘through want of complete and definite information they cannot make their Report so full as they could have wished it to be.’ Your Committee look forward to receiving from this Presbytery, where so much active interest appears to be taken in the work by their Committee on Evangelisation, more complete returns on a future occasion.

6. There is no report this year from the Presbytery of *London*. Your Committee are aware, however, that during the autumn that Presbytery met in conference on the subject of Evangelisation, when the interchange of views and experience was felt to afford both stimulus and encouragement, as well as direction, to those interested in such work. For detailed information in regard to work of this kind in London, your Committee are glad to be able to refer to a series of articles which have recently appeared in the ‘Messenger.’

It has occurred to your Committee that in addition to these more general and summary statements, it might be useful from time to time to give a more detailed account of some one of our more fully organised Congregational Missions, as an example of the sort of work that is being carried on. The following is a brief account of the Seacombe Mission, in connection with our congregation at *Egremont*, in the Presbytery of Liverpool, consisting of a report made to that Presbytery by the Convener of its Evangelistic Committee, in connection with a visit made by him under Presbyterial instructions.

The Seacombe Mission was commenced twenty years ago, under the care of the Egremont Session, and has enjoyed the services of its present missionary for the past sixteen years. Regular services are conducted on the Lord’s day, morning and evening, with attendances of 130 and 260 respectively, while there is a Communicants’ Roll numbering 129 members. Children’s services are likewise held morning and evening, there being 450 children’s names on the roll, and the attendances

averaging 184 and 250 ; the services are conducted by 6 young men, with 3 or 4 helpers. There are 51 teachers in the Sunday School, and 433 scholars on the roll, besides 140 infants : moreover, in connection with the Church's scheme for the Higher Instruction of Youth, 9 candidates went up for examination last spring, 6 taking certificates.

In a Good Templars' Lodge, there are 90 members in good standing, while the roll of the Juvenile Temple contains 211 names, with an attendance of about 100. There is also a Band of Hope.

Other agencies are—

Tract Distribution to 600 homes every week, and Mothers' Meeting.

Young Women's Sewing Class, with Library.

Penny Savings Bank, collecting over £700 per annum.

Working Men's Society, and Library.

The Week Day School (mixed) has about 600 scholars, including infants ; the senior school being taught by one principal teacher, with certificated assistant, 3 other assistants, and 4 pupil teachers ; the infant school, by one principal teacher, with assistant and 2 pupil teachers. There is a Day School Library and Savings' Bank, the latter collecting over £150 per annum.

Of the permanency of this Mission there is the further substantial evidence that the buildings cost £4,000, and with the exception of £250 (the cost of the land) are free of debt. The Mission House is also licensed for the celebration of marriages.

The following statement gathered from the statistical returns furnished by the various Congregations will show, so far as figures can do so, the amount of work carried on throughout the Church.

PRESBYTERIES	Attendance at Mission Services for Adults	Mission Sabbath Schools	
		No. of Schools	Attendance
Berwick	299	3	230
Birmingham	89	1	100
Bristol	497	1	100
Carlisle	322	9	470
Darlington	384	9	865
Liverpool	1838	23	5890
London	4349	34	7877
Manchester	743	8	1178
Newcastle	1113	26	3394
Northumberland	115	1	70
Total	9749	115	20174

It will be noticed that the above statement varies in some features from that of last year, which was taken from approximate returns furnished by Presbyteries. But your Committee believe that the figures now given are entirely reliable.

The ordinary grants made by your Committee during 1882 for evangelistic work were as follows, viz.:

	£	s.	d.
I. To three Mission Churches	145	0	0
II. „ four Preaching Stations	102	10	0
III. „ two Congregations for employment of students in Mission work	20	0	0
IV. „ one Congregational Mission Station under Rule II. 3.	12	10	0
V. „ five Congregations in Aid of Special Evangel- istic Services	15	15	9
VI. „ one Military Chaplain for Service to Militia	5	0	0
Total	300	15	9

In addition to these ordinary grants your Committee had the pleasure of once more co-operating with the Free Church of Scotland, in providing services for Scotch fishermen visiting Yarmouth during the fishing season, by a grant of £10.

IV.—SYNOD DEPUTIES.

In accordance with the appointment of last Synod your Committee entered into communication with the Presbyteries of Bristol and Darlington with a view to the visitation of those Presbyteries by the Synod Deputies appointed for the purpose. They are now able to report that the visitation has been very happily accomplished, and the reports of the Deputies will be found appended to this report (Appendix B). Your Committee think that the importance of this movement warrants the suggestion that arrangements should be made for the separate reception and consideration of these reports by the Synod at a time to be arranged as may be found convenient. Your Committee were under the necessity of requesting, as authorised, other brethren besides those nominated at last Synod, to take part in the work, and they have to express their thanks to the brethren who so kindly responded to their call, as well as their sympathy with those appointed by last Synod who, from weak health or other causes beyond their control, were compelled with great reluctance to relinquish the work. The brethren by whom the work has been actually carried out are the following, viz., Ministers—Revs. Dr. Macleod, William Fraser, John Smith, J. T. McGaw and William Dale; Ruling Elders, Rev. Dr. Bruce, with Messrs. William Brander, William Sutton, and Robert Amos. The special thanks of your Committee are due to the Rev. W. Fraser, who has generously given his very valuable services in the visitation of both Presbyteries.

Your Committee suggest that the Synod should appoint the Presbytery of Carlisle together with the South Coast Congregations of the Presbytery of London for visitation during next Synodical year, and they hope to be in a position when the Synod meets to suggest the names of brethren to be requested to act as Deputies.

V.—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In this department your Committee have felt themselves precluded from doing anything beyond tabulating the usual statistical returns,

and summarising the reports which they have received from the several Presbyterial Committees. The obvious feeling of the Church being that the present arrangement, by which your Committee have to report on Sabbath Schools, can be only temporary in its character, has rendered it impossible for them to undertake the initiation of measures which it was manifest they would not have the opportunity of bringing to maturity. Having again communicated with the Committee on the Higher Instruction of Youth on the question of the possibility of their assuming the oversight of Sabbath Schools, as previously recommended both by this Committee and that on Reorganisation, they are happy to say that that Committee now see their way to do so, and your Committee have much pleasure in once more recommending that the work be handed over to it accordingly. They would at the same time reiterate the expression of their profound sense of the importance of this department of the Church's work, as well as of the pleasure they have had in doing for it what to them was practicable during the last four years.

Your Committee have pleasure in recording that in the Reports from Presbyteries which have reached them, there is renewed evidence of zeal and diligence on the part of the Congregations of the Church in seeking to promote the religious education of the young, and that increasing attention is given by Presbyteries to exercise due oversight in this important sphere. They are aware that the 'work and labour and patience' of our self-denying teachers must of necessity find little notice in the Reports. These deal with defects and drawbacks or with the origination of methods of improvement, tentative or otherwise, and with the means employed to test the efficiency of the schools. The Church, however, is not unmindful of the devotion and self-sacrifice of those whose week-to-week preparation and instruction form the real foundation of this great enterprise.

With regard to the number of schools, your Committee are gratified to learn that there has been no permanent abandoning of ground already occupied, but that at least in two Presbyteries, those of Carlisle and Newcastle, new schools have been opened. It is, however, less satisfactory to find from the able but faithful Report from the Newcastle Presbytery, that 'the Schools returned only twenty-three advanced classes for this year, instead of over thirty last,' with of course a diminished aggregate attendance. The returns may have been defective; still, in the words of the *Convener*, 'the decrease in the numbers is so great as to call for observation from your Committee. For perhaps it is due to the absence of these classes that forty fewer are returned as having joined the fellowship of the Church. . . . A very close connection exists between a careful training and efficient working of these advanced classes and an increase in the membership of the Church.' Your Committee refer to this subject with the twofold object of showing the importance of full and accurate statistics, if we are to know how our work is prospering, and of again giving expression to their conviction that fuller results are to be sought and might be obtained in adding to the membership of the Church from her proper nursery, the Sunday School.

During the year visitation of schools has been carried out in three

Presbyteries—Liverpool, Manchester, and Newcastle. The Report from *Liverpool* says: ‘Of the order, discipline, and efficiency of the schools, with scarcely a single exception, the visitors speak in the highest terms, so that your Committee are glad to be able to report that they believe the work of Sabbath School teaching is being carried on with great vigour and efficiency in all the Schools of the Presbytery.’ In *Manchester* ‘advantage was taken of an exchange of pulpits that was organised over the whole Presbytery, to secure that each minister should act as Presbytery Deputy in examining, as far as practicable, the work done among the young, . . . should address the Schools, and afterwards meet with and encourage the teachers.’ The Reports received ‘were hopeful and encouraging—some of them very markedly so, and indicate real progress.’ The visitation in the *Newcastle* Presbytery was on this occasion only partially carried out, owing to the difficulty of getting really suitable visitors. ‘In a good many cases where visitors could not be sent, the ministers have been asked to make a formal visit to their own Schools, and a number of reports from such have been received. If the services of some of those ministers who take the greatest interest in School work could be made available for this purpose of visitation, and the schools visited in rotation, as the Presbytery visits the Congregations, much good might be done.’

In addition to the examination in the Presbytery of *Manchester*, above alluded to, your Committee have to report that the Fourth Competitive Examination was held in *Newcastle* in May last: the subjects being the first eight chapters of St. Mark’s Gospel, and Questions 41–62 of the Shorter Catechism. 339 Candidates from twenty-eight Schools were examined, as against 225 from sixteen Schools in 1880. Certificates of merit and prizes were given, as on former occasions, and ‘the examiners, Messrs Meharry, Reid, and Profeit gave on the whole a good report of the intelligence of the children, and the evident care of the teachers.’

As indicated in last year’s Report, examinations have also been instituted in the Presbytery of *Northumberland*. Four standards of examination were prepared and supplied to each congregation, and returns requested. Sixteen congregations have sent in returns, from which it appears that twelve have adopted the standards, and four have not yet done so. Examinations have, however, been almost universally conducted by the Ministers, in presence of other members of Session. The testimony of those who have adopted the standards is that their adoption has given a very decided impetus alike to teachers and scholars, and created more interest in the Sabbath School as a Church institution. The following are the standards as amended for the present year:—

1.—*From seven years of age and upwards.*

1.—Scripture History.—The outlines of the history of our first parents, of Moses, and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2.—The Ten Commandments, in their shortest form, as in catechisms for young children.

3.—The Lord’s Prayer, as in Matthew vi. 9–13.

4.—Psalms and Hymns.—Psalm xxiii. Hymns, ‘Here we suffer grief and pain,’ ‘There is a happy land.’

2.—*Age left open.*

1.—Scripture History.—The Patriarchal Age ; or, the Life of Moses. The Ministry of Jesus in Galilee.

2.—The Commandments, as given in the Shorter Catechism ; Questions 45, 49, 53, 57, 63, 67, 70, 73, 76, 79.

3.—Passages of Scripture to be accurately repeated.—Isaiah liii. 3-7, John i. 29, John iii. 16, 17.

4.—Shorter Catechism.—Questions 1-6, 10, 13-17, 23-26.

5.—Psalms and Hymns.—‘O God of Bethel,’ ‘Lord, a little band and lowly,’ ‘Childhood’s years.’

3.—*Age left open.*

1.—Scripture History.—The Life of David or of Solomon. The Ministry of Jesus in Judea.

2.—The Beatitudes, as in Matthew v. 3-12.

3.—Passages of Scripture.—Isaiah lv. 6-9, Matthew xi. 28-30, 1 John iii. 1-2, 1 Peter i. 3-5.

4.—Shorter Catechism.—Questions 29-38.

5.—Psalms and Hymns.—Psalm c. ‘Around the throne,’ ‘Holy Bible.’

4.—*From thirteen years of age and upwards.*

1.—Scripture History.—The Life of Daniel, or of Ezra or Nehemiah. The Last Days, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord.

2.—Passages of Scripture.—Proverbs iii. 1-6, John xiv. 1-6, 21-23, Acts v. 29-32, Romans xii. 1-3.

3. Shorter Catechism.—Questions 82-91, 93, 98.

4. Psalms and Hymns.—Psalm ciii. ‘Rock of Ages,’ ‘Jesu, Lover of my soul.’

The alternative subjects are for different years, to allow children to remain under the same Standard longer than one year.

The Bible Class primers edited by Professor Salmond are recommended to be used in selecting passages of Scripture, and in preparation for class by teachers.

Your Committee have for some time past been struck by the evidence of tentative effort being put forth in different directions throughout the Church towards the attainment of fuller life and greater efficiency in Sabbath School work. In view of the probable transference of the department from their charge to that of another committee of the Church, they have not, as already observed, sought to undertake the direction of these efforts, but they are persuaded that there is room and opportunity for the exercise of wise and careful guidance on the part of those who may be entrusted with the future oversight of our schools.

The duty of the Church in the present stage of our country’s educational development is strikingly brought out in the words of the *Convener* of the Newcastle Committee, with which your Committee would conclude this Report:—

‘The new system of secular education has quite revolutionised the old state of things, but little change or improvement has taken place in Sunday Schools. Many of our scholars who are receiving their education from highly qualified teachers in Board Schools, and in other places of instruction, must be beginning to contrast very strongly the able

handling and skilful training of the week day with the feeble and often feckless though kind teaching of the Sunday. And this contrast must become more and more felt by the children themselves, till they grow to disparage and undervalue those schools where their lessons in religious subjects are given. To prevent this, every effort must be made to procure really competent and well-trained teachers. The Church of England is taking the right step in this direction by instituting training classes for them, and by awarding certificates of merit to those who pass a testing examination. Of these certificates of merit of two grades, many hundreds have been granted this year to deserving candidates. The Presbyterian Church of England may not at present be able to adopt such a plan, but for many of our teachers a training class would be highly useful. It is by no means intended to throw any reflection on the present teachers. To them the Church owes a deep debt of gratitude. At much inconvenience and personal sacrifice of time which they might use in self-improvement and study, they ungrudgingly and nobly devote themselves to doing good to the poor and ignorant. Yet still if the Sunday Schools are to be made thoroughly useful, and to accomplish their end, the character of the teaching must rise with the general advance of education and knowledge.'

Your Committee conclude this portion of their Report by submitting the usual Summary of Sabbath School Statistics:—

SUMMARY.

PRESBYTERIES	SABBATH SCHOOLS					SENIOR CLASSES	Amount collected for Foreign Missions *
	Number of Schools	Teachers		Scholars		Pupils	
		Number of Teachers	Teachers who are Members of Church	On Rolls	Average Attendance		
Berwick	21	192	167	1514	1153	107	£ s. d. 37 19 2
Birmingham	16	314	259	3235	2382	377	124 7 3
Bristol	9	181	151	1856	1397	271	85 18 9
Carlisle	25	279	224	2461	1872	174	49 19 11
Darlington... ..	30	412	344	4077	3101	328	69 18 3
Liverpool	58	1242	961	13233	9512	1073	325 19 5
London	107	1868	1431	20301	15116	1705	600 19 5
Manchester	38	724	576	7441	5132	1017	206 12 11
Newcastle	77	1084	915	11152	8121	770	148 2 10
Northumberland	27	220	162	2041	1544	113	36 16 11
Total... ..	408	6516	5190	67311	49330	5935	1686 14 10

* Does not include sundry Donations of £37 11s. 2d

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[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church'—General Fund, p. 293; Church Building, &c. p. 295].

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Churches.	Cost.	Grants.		Raised, or to be raised, by Congregation.	Already raised.		Debt.
		Church Building.	Union Thanksgiving.		£	s. d.	
		£	£		£	£	
1. Aberdare	4,600 0 0	750	350	3,500 0 0	2,500 0 0	1,000 0 0	
2. Blyth: Waterloo Road	5,300 0 0	750	400	4,150 0 0	2,850 0 0	1,300 0 0	
3. Bournemouth	3,400 0 0	750	—	2,650 0 0	2,650 0 0	—	
4. Bowdon	7,000 0 0	750	—	6,250 0 0	6,250 0 0	—	
5. Canterbury	5,000 0 0	750	—	4,250 0 0	2,450 0 0	1,300 0 0	
6. Clapton	6,368 0 0	750	250	5,368 0 0	4,568 0 0	800 0 0	
7. Crouch Hill	8,250 0 0	750	—	7,500 0 0	7,000 0 0	500 0 0	
8. Durham	3,500 0 0	750	—	2,750 0 0	2,250 0 0	500 0 0	
9. Gloucester	4,499 14 10	750	—	3,749 14 10	3,749 14 10	—	
10. Hull: Holderness Road	5,524 19 1	750	200	4,574 19 1	3,707 18 11	867 0 2	
11. Ipswich	4,666 0 0	750	200	3,716 0 0	3,226 0 0	490 0 0	
12. Jarrold: St. Kilda's	2,800 0 0	750	300	1,750 0 0	1,750 0 0	—	
13. Leeds: Cavendish Road	6,000 0 0	750	—	5,250 0 0	2,625 0 0	2,625 0 0	
14. Liverpool: Union	7,746 0 0	750	—	6,996 0 0	5,696 0 0	1,300 0 0	
15. Middlesbrough: Trinity	4,500 0 0	750	300	3,450 0 0	3,450 0 0	—	
16. Portsmouth	6,966 0 0	750	400	5,816 0 0	2,779 0 0	3,037 0 0	
17. Ramsbottom	7,500 0 0	750	250	6,500 0 0	6,300 0 0	200 0 0	
18. Sale	6,600 0 0	750	—	5,850 0 0	5,850 0 0	—	
19. Shrewsbury	5,041 16 0	750	450	3,841 16 0	3,841 16 0	—	
20. Southport	6,910 3 5	750	—	6,160 3 5	6,160 3 5	—	
21. Stockton: St. George's	7,445 0 0	750	400	6,295 0 0	4,695 0 0	1,600 0 0	
22. Streatham	5,696 0 0	750	—	4,946 0 0	3,266 0 0	1,680 0 0	
23. Upper Norwood	7,500 0 0	750	—	6,750 0 0	5,750 0 0	1,000 0 0	
24. Walsall	3,263 17 2	750	—	2,513 17 2	1,973 13 2	540 4 0	
25. Wandsworth	7,500 0 0	750	—	6,750 0 0	6,750 0 0	—	
26. Waterloo (Liverpool)	5,889 0 0	750	150	4,989 0 0	4,989 0 0	—	
27. Whitby	5,600 0 0	750	300	4,550 0 0	2,590 0 0	1,960 0 0	
28. Willesden	3,500 0 0	750	—	2,750 0 0	2,750 0 0	—	
29. Wood Green	5,852 0 0	750	300	4,802 0 0	4,002 0 0	800 0 0	
30. Woolston (Southampton)	3,300 0 0	750	—	2,550 0 0	2,071 0 0	479 0 0	
31. York	6,000 0 0	750	300	4,950 0 0	3,550 0 0	1,400 0 0	
31 Churches	£173,718 10 6	£23,250 1,875	£4,550 205	£145,918 10 6	£122,540 6 4	£23,378 4 2	
Less still unclaimed	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Actually paid	—	£21,375	£4,345	—	—	—	

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Churches.	Cost.	Amount of Grant.	Amount of Loan.	Union Thanks-giving Grant.	Value of Old Property.	To be raised by Congregation besides repayment of Loan.		Already raised.	Debt in addition to Loans still running.	Proportion of Loan still running.
						£	s. d.			
1	£ 1,000 0 0	£ 150	£ —	£ 74	£ —	£ 776	0 0	£ 776 0 0	£ —	—

II. REBUILDING OF CHURCHES.

1	Blackhill	2,500 0 0	200	—	50	2,250 0 0	2,250 0 0	2,250 0 0	—	—
2	Houghton-le-Spring	3,500 0 0	250	—	500	2,750 0 0	1,800 0 0	1,800 0 0	950	—
3	London : Oxendon	9,500 0 0	250	—	6,000	3,250 0 0	1,050 0 0	1,050 0 0	2,200	—
4	" Somers Town	9,076 14 3	250	—	1,200	7,626 14 3	7,626 14 3	7,626 14 3	—	—
5	South Shields : St. John's	5,500 0 0	250	300	475	3,225 0 0	3,225 0 0	3,225 0 0	—	—
6	West Shields : St. Paul's	3,200 0 0	250	250	1,000	1,700 0 0	1,700 0 0	1,700 0 0	—	—
7	West Hartlepool	5,000 0 0	250	—	800	3,950 0 0	1,950 0 0	1,950 0 0	2,000	—
8	Wigan	5,675 0 0	250	—	250	4,925 0 0	2,725 0 0	2,725 0 0	2,200	250
	8 Churches	43,951 14 3	1,950	550	10,275	29,676 14 3	22,326 14 3	22,326 14 3	7,350	250

III. ENLARGING OF CHURCHES, BUILDING OF LECTURE HALLS, SCHOOLS, &c.

1	Birmingham : Broad Street	2,300 0 0	200	—	—	2,100 0 0	2,100 0 0	2,100 0 0	—	—
2	Crook : Willington	190 0 0	25	—	—	165 0 0	165 0 0	165 0 0	—	—
3	Derby	664 14 1	100	—	—	564 14 1	564 14 1	564 14 1	—	—
4	Norwich	4,322 17 1	250	500	—	3,572 17 1	3,572 17 1	3,572 17 1	—	—
	4 Churches, &c.	7,477 11 2	575	500	—	6,402 11 2	6,402 11 2	6,402 11 2	—	—

TOTAL.

13 Churches, &c.	52,429 5 5	2,675	500	1,124	10,275	36,855 5 5	29,505 5 5	29,505 5 5	7,350	—
Deduct Value of Old Property	10,275 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	Loan still running	250	250	—
Net Cost	£42,154 5 5	—	—	—	—	—	Total debt	£7,600	—	—

APPENDIX B.

REPORTS OF SYNOD DEPUTIES.

I. VISITATION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF BRISTOL.

In October and November 1882, the Revs. Dr. Bruce of Newcastle, and Wm. Fraser of Brighton, visited the Presbytery of Bristol under appointment of the Synod. They conferred with the office-bearers apart, and then addressed the people in each congregation. Finally, they conferred with the Presbytery, and received a kind expression of their satisfaction with the work that had been done. They impressed on all the Synod's purpose to make even the remotest congregations feel that the Church is one in sympathy and in government. They told all, that the Synod longs to hear, not only of completed organisation, but of spiritual life in all the flocks. They now assure the Synod that it has evidently supplied in this plan of visitation a 'missing link' in the Church's efficiency.

The Presbytery of Bristol has only eight charges in a wide territory that was once imbued with zeal for Presbyterianism. It is therefore in a position to be ambitious of extension. The population is exceptionally respectful to the ordinances of religion, and had recently felt the stimulus of 'missions' held in various towns by Messrs. Moody and Sankey and the advocates of the 'blue ribbon' movement.

Most of the congregations are provided with excellent churches and halls. One of these was destroyed by fire just after the visitation. Another is soon to be replaced on a better site. Prayer meetings are held in some places on the Lord's day, as well as on week days. All the usual Home Mission appliances are in use. In one case the whole supply and expense of a Mission Church are found by a congregation four miles distant. Important service is rendered to men of the naval and military services where they abound. In an important sanitarium the work of our minister is highly appreciated. Besides prosperous Sabbath schools, most of the ministers have good Bible classes. The marked increase of attendance at evening worship over that of the morning may indicate that our Church's evangelical and orthodox teaching finds favour in these intelligent and religiously disposed communities.

Gloucester, as a small cathedral city, does not present a large field for our church. The congregation possesses a beautiful church fabric, which is not less a memorial to Whitfield than to the lately deceased and beloved pastor, the Rev. Peter Crole, who procured its erection at serious personal sacrifice. The new pastor has already gained the confidence of his people, so that they are ready to work with him in the cottage meetings and other Christian work in which he is anxious to lead.

Cheltenham needs, and we trust is soon to have, its church replaced

by a suitable building on the superior site which was secured some years ago. The deputies encouraged this movement, on the understanding that the present building should be retained and used as a centre for Home Mission operation in its own neighbourhood. The interest of this congregation in Foreign Missions, and the assurance that the ministry is blessed day by day, especially to visitors, along with the remarkable effort, now long persisted in, of maintaining ordinances in a village four miles off, impressed the deputies with a sense of gratitude for our Church's usefulness in this much-frequented watering-place.

The deputies went into *South Wales*. At *Cardiff* they found a congregation tried by somewhat frequent changes in its ministry, but again rallied round a young minister who is able and willing to lead them to increased efforts. The town is prosperous, populous, and ambitious of being a university seat. The best hopes may be entertained of the congregation's reaching strength and influence.

Swansea possesses a handsome church, perhaps larger than its position requires. It has a minister of ripe experience. There is a large evening attendance. In due time, if those adherents become members, the days of this congregation's wonderfully promising youth may be renewed.

Aberdare is a town of somewhat blighted industry. Our Church there has a special history, and it was very pleasing to learn that it maintains most friendly relations with the Christian brethren from whom it severed itself. It would be a great encouragement to the young minister if the remainder of the Church debt could soon be paid off, and some minor improvements added. The deputies in leaving *South Wales* felt grateful for the amiable feeling shown toward our ministers by many of the Welsh Presbyterians, and could not but long that the accord of the two branches of the Presbyterian Church in *England* and *Wales* may become closer year by year.

Bristol has a good church fabric, so nearly in the centre of the city that it seems reasonable to anticipate that *Clifton*, or other suburbs, may call for Presbyterian extension. The congregation in *Bristol* shows signs of vigorous recovery, after a long and disorganising vacancy. The minister is energetic in renovating all the departments of Christian labour that were occupied, and adding others. The former influence of Presbyterianism in the city is likely to be restored ere long.

Torquay calls for special gifts in a minister, who must not only be able to instruct a changing and often cultured audience, but must also excel in the tender ministrations of the sick-room. Such a minister our Church has. The flock cannot at any time be expected to be very numerous, but it is influential, for the seed sown in *Torquay* is found on many waters.

Plymouth offers our Church special opportunities of usefulness among sailors and soldiers. For this work our minister is apt, and he engages the sympathy and aid of devoted officers who do remarkable evangelistic work. The large and beautiful church with its new organ fell under fire soon after the visitation. The sympathy which this has evoked showed how greatly the minister and his people had won public esteem. Since it is capable of maintaining a Sabbath school with 650

scholars and 41 teachers, and an evening attendance at public worship averaging 800, the Church may regard its south-western outpost as exceptionally strong and important.

The Synod's deputies lay down their commission with gratitude to the brethren of Bristol Presbytery for all the kindness of their reception, and to the Synod for honouring them with employment in which, if they could give little spiritual stimulus, they felt that there was much that they should have received.*

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WILLIAM FRASER, M.A.

II. VISITATION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF DARLINGTON.

FIRST GROUP.

In February 1883, the Revs. J. T. McGaw of Manchester, William Dale of New Barnet, William Fraser of Brighton, and Mr. William Brander, Elder at Crouch Hill, London, visited for the Synod the congregations of the Presbytery of Darlington herein specified. They conferred with the office-bearers of each congregation, and addressed the people. At the close Mr. Fraser joined Dr. McLeod and Mr. Sutton in giving their impressions to the Presbytery, and to a public meeting of representatives from the congregations assembled to meet them at Darlington. All the deputies unite in assuring the Synod that the hospitality and kindness with which they were treated everywhere, for their work's sake, and the cordiality with which the Presbytery thanked them when their mission was ended, enable them to report that the plan of periodic visitation by the Synod is already acknowledged to be welcome and beneficial.

Mr. McGaw alone was able to visit and preach to the people of the preaching station at *Scarborough*. He found that there was a measure of discouragement felt in connection with the recent failure of efforts to induce a minister to accept the permanent charge of the congregation. He sympathised with the impression that the importance of Scarborough as a watering-place, and the nature of the demands which the position will make upon its minister, raise a serious question whether an income of £200 a year is sufficient to offer to such a minister as it would be well to place there. The Presbytery was respectfully requested to consider anew the requirements of the station, and the Home Mission Committee was informed of the deputy's views.

In visiting *Redcar*, Mr. Sutton, an Elder from the other section of the deputation, joined Mr. McGaw, and stated their impressions to the Presbytery. This charge had recently lost its minister by his translation to Singapore. It was naturally found somewhat discouraged, and the deputy conveyed to the Presbytery its desire for special sympathy and care. It is a reasonable cause of anxiety that there is not much ability to offer to a minister an inviting income; and yet the demand

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for superior ministration in the crowded summer season is urgent. With another able minister it is to be hoped that this may become, within a very few years, a self-supporting and important charge.

At *Harrogate* Mr. Fraser and Mr. Brander fell in with an interesting demonstration of kindly feeling to the Presbyterian Church. A public hall was filled by the congregation, and its friends of other denominations. By the kind words spoken there, as well as in the conference of office-bearers, the deputies learned that the recent feebleness of the congregation was passing away. The new minister enjoys the affection and respect of his people. A new church is wanted to give visibility to Presbyterianism in the concourse of strangers from all quarters that resort to Harrogate. The deputies felt anxious in looking over plans that had been prepared, lest a desire for economy should limit the accommodation necessary for efficiency.

Mr. Dale, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Brander regretted to find *Grimsby* vacant through the translation of the pastor to Glenbucket in Scotland. It was most pleasing to hear the hearty expressions of conscious loss by the cessation of the Rev. Mr. Smith's valued teaching. The office-bearers were diligently maintaining the week-day meetings. A congregation with a Sabbath school of 300 scholars with 27 teachers, with a good new church and hall, with well-attended prayer meetings, and hearty goodwill to be led out in Home Mission work, deserves a good minister. In such an enterprising and advancing population as is contained in a town now four times as populous as it was twenty years ago, we may trust that this will be a strong congregation, and will prove the mother of other Presbyterian Churches in Lincolnshire.

Mr. McGaw, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Brander found *Whitby* in possession of an attractive church, and a minister standing so well in public esteem as to be Vice-Chairman of the School Board. There is limited employment in the town for the young, and they are apt to migrate to larger centres of industry. The outfield for Home Mission work is limited. Here the deputies were pleased to find that their visit was to be followed up by a week of evangelistic services.

The same deputies found the congregation at *York* taking firm hold in the somewhat unfavourable soil of a cathedral city. After years spent in hired halls, the congregation has got ample accommodation in its own new church and hall. The minister and people are aiding undenominational mission work in the city, caring for the soldiers stationed there, and distributing tracts with much prayer for a blessing. Another effort is about to be made to clear the remainder of heavy building debts, and in this the minister deserves sympathy and aid.

Mr. Fraser and Mr. Brander had the pleasure of addressing the whole congregation and the Sabbath school of *Hartlepool (East)* on the Lord's day, besides conferring with the two ministers and the numerous office-bearers. They also saw the handsome and commodious church which is in course of erection, and heard with pleasure of the anticipation that it may be opened with little or no debt. This will give vantage-ground for decided advance on the part of the congregation, and the deputies urged that that advance should take the form of aggression on the non-church-goers around.

The same deputies on the same day met with the *West Hartlepool* office-bearers and congregation. This town has increased in population one hundredfold in the last thirty years. It is full of hardy artisans in constant employment. Some of their employers are attached and very generous members of our Church. An excellent church was recently built on a good site. There is evidently a favourable disposition towards the Presbyterian Church, for the congregation which met the deputies was large. It seemed to be rather more than should be expected of the venerable and esteemed minister, that he should be without an assistant in a sphere calling for so much hopeful labour.

Mr. Dale, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Brander spent three days in *Hull*.

Spring Bank Church is possessed of a long history. The congregation used to occupy the historic home of seventeenth century Presbyterianism. It has recently removed to a new and excellent church in a different quarter of the town. The deputies urged that the congregation, with its young minister, should use all the appliances of modern Home Missions, and so gain a position of increased usefulness.

Holderness Road Church is excellently placed in the centre of a large artisan population. The church is very large, and will be improved if proposed alterations are made to provide more rooms for meetings. The young minister with office-bearers and members of the Church show the evangelistic spirit that will compel others to come in. It is to be hoped that soon this congregation will be able to take up all its own financial responsibilities.

Prospect Street Church is unique in its cathedral form, and unique also in some of its arrangements for Christian work. It has the largest morning attendance of any Church in *Hull*, and its membership is thirteen times as large as it was when the present ministry began. It has sent many young men to the Theological College, and some who were in its membership are now on our missionary staff. It has 477 scholars and 52 teachers in its Sunday schools. At a 'worship' meeting on Monday, and at the weekly lecture, large numbers attend. The contribution to Foreign Missions last year was £287. The hall near the church is about to be rebuilt on a larger scale. A hall has also been built for Home Mission work in a suburb of the town. This congregation founded the charges in *Holderness Road*, *York*, and *Grimsby*. The deputies pleaded for a better proportion in giving to the Sustentation Fund. From the blessing resting on the ministry, and the work done by this congregation, they carried away for themselves and others the lesson that it would be well to 'go and do likewise.'

In view of all that the deputies have seen within the Presbytery of *Darlington*, of prayerfulness, desire to do more for Home and Foreign Missions, well-built and well-appointed churches, generous giving for the termination of building-fund debts, and general efficiency, the deputies think that the Synod may thank God and take courage.*

J. T. McGAW.
WILLIAM DALE.

WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM BRANDER.

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SECOND GROUP.

Report of Revs. Dr. MACLEOD and JOHN SMITH, *Ministers*, and Messrs. AMOS and SUTTON, *Elders*, in the visitation of certain Congregations in Darlington Presbytery, March 21, 1883.

Starting on February 19 and ending on the 28th, the above-named deputies visited the following congregations of the Darlington Presbytery:—Darlington, Bishop Auckland, Tow Law, Crook, Mount Pleasant, Middlesbrough; *Newport Road* and *Trinity*, and Stockton; *St. Andrew's* and *St. George's*. Thereafter they attended a conference and public meeting in Darlington (attended by representatives of all the churches visited), both of which had been arranged by the Presbytery.

What the deputies kept before themselves as the purpose of their visit was chiefly this, that they had been sent to encourage the Churches in the Lord, to stir up the gifts that were in them as Churches, and both receive and communicate tidings of the progress of God's work in the Church, and of methods on which His blessing seemed specially to rest. It is due to the Churches visited to say that the deputies were received in the most cordial manner, and that nothing was omitted in the way of preparation for the visits that was required to make them a success. In their preliminary interviews with the elders and other office-bearers and workers, the utmost frankness and brotherly confidence towards the deputies were displayed. And the congregational meetings held afterward seemed to grow in numbers and heartiness as the visitation went on. The deputies have no doubt that under the blessing of God such visits, intercourse so friendly, and meetings so hearty are fitted to do good in the ways intended by the Synod.

Notes taken during the intercourse with the office-bearers of the several Churches are appended, giving details of the information evoked and the impressions made. But at the outset the deputies wish to make known the impression which, more than any other, they have received during their work.

It is an impression due to a fact which came to the deputies, day by day, with an appalling insistency, that in Wearedale and Teesdale, where the churches visited lie, there is a population of thousands upon thousands who are wholly outside of Church influence, not of our Church only, but of all the Churches of the land.

The work of the deputies lay in districts where, within the memory of one of their number, there were moorland farms and river scenery, and here and there a quiet hamlet. Now an almost endless succession of coke ovens, of iron-works, steel-works, and collieries meets the eye. The air is dark with clouds of smoke; and the old appearance of hill and dale is hidden by a succession of villages and towns hastily built and without any attempt at beauty. Around those works, in these villages, and in the towns, live the thousands and tens of thousands whom the Christian Church is not reaching; great rivers of human life, flowing and re-flowing, but without the issue that human life ought to have into the sea of the knowledge and love of God.

In many cases these people are kept drudging at their toils from January to December. The iron furnaces and steel-works never stop; Sunday is as Monday. And many toil in these places who have never tasted the sweet refreshment of a day of rest. The sorrowful result is that the great bulk of those thousands of human beings are spending their years without a religious life. The very sense of an unseen world has died out of their souls. There is for them practically neither God nor eternity, but only the toil and burden of the furnaces, and what poor joys they can strike out in connection with these.

Their enjoyments are drinking, gambling, betting, horse-racing, dog-fighting, and the like. Racing 'book-makers,' in spite of the laws to suppress them, may be seen on open spaces of the town on a Saturday evening, standing on chairs, with hundreds of young people around them, openly entering their bets on the next coming race. On Sunday, such as are not employed at the furnaces may be seen going out with carrier pigeons and coursing dogs to spend the day in the country flying their pigeons and training their dogs, coming back in the afternoon to some rendezvous in a public-house. A still greater number spend their Sundays lounging in bed or at the corners of streets.

For the most part those people are unable to read. Except in such outward excitements as have been referred to, they have no means of enjoyment. They are as indifferent to politics as to religion. And although those among them who can read buy newspapers regularly, it is only to turn to the column devoted to betting—which, to the great discredit of the newspaper press of that district, makes a great portion of every paper published. Indeed, the deputies are constrained to testify that the great hindrances to the advancement of the Churches visited are these sporting columns in newspapers, the public-houses, gambling, the racecourse, and the coursing-field.

The Churches visited are in the midst of this wide-spreading population, like wells in a desert, making green their own borders, doing what they can to edify their own members; doing mission work also to the extent of having mission schools, and in some instances meetings for adults, diligently working the temperance cause also, but—so far as appearances and results can testify, making no impression on the general mass. The churches that have got nearest to it are the various Methodist Churches, eminently the Primitive Methodists; but even these are only touching the fringe of what needs to be touched. No more is the Salvation Army. It has its processions, its beating of drums, its blowing of trumpets, its waving of banners; but the dead masses rank themselves at the corners of the streets with an indifferent air, and do not even turn to look who are passing by.

The deputies have thought it right to dwell on this arresting fact, and also to put it in the forefront of their Report. It seems to them that the Synod should know that some of its Churches are face to face with an actual heathendom. And they venture respectfully to submit to the Synod the question whether, in efforts made to sustain existing churches or to plant new ones, this state of things should not be taken into special consideration; whether, at any rate, it is not the

duty of Christian Churches working in such districts to ask themselves if the secret of aggressive and successful church extension has not yet to be discovered.

The deputies have pleasure in reporting the existence of an active interest in the temperance movement in the Churches visited. With respect to the Synod's Home and Foreign Missions, they found much in the circumstances of the Churches to hinder the development of interest in these. But in all the Churches the claims of these funds were recognised, and to some extent met. It will be seen, however, from the quotation here appended from a remarkable Report on Statistics presented to the Presbytery on the day the deputies were present, that these departments of Christian giving admit of expansion. The averages for congregational purposes seem to the deputies most honourable.

Churches.	Members		Missions, &c.				Average per Member.				
	1881	1882	Home and Foreign.			College.		Ordinary Income.		Missions & College.	
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1 Bishop Auckland ...	104	104	5	10	5	1	10	0	2	7	4
2 Crook ...	84	94	4	4	3	0	15	0	0	1	0½
3 Darlington ...	191	191	26	7	9	2	0	0	2	14	9
4 Stockton, St. Andrew's	212	215	14	15	1	3	0	0	2	5	8
5 Stockton, St. George's	123	136	9	14	4	—			2	7	5
6 Tow Law ...	43	38	0	11	2	—			3	18	0
7 M'bro', Newport Road	115	117	7	2	0	1	1	0	2	8	7
8 M'bro', Trinity ...	128	165	23	16	5	1	6	4	1	17	7
9 Mount Pleasant ...	106	108	8	0	8	1	2	6	1	14	7
									0	1	8½

NOTES TO FOREGOING REPORT.

DARLINGTON: St. George's.—(Visited February 19.)

Excellent meetings with both office-bearers and people.

Population of town about 40,000, showing tendency to decrease; well churched. Presbyterian church in a fine position; beautiful building, with good rooms and schools, but not yet free from debt. Session Minutes well kept. Elders visit their districts with communion cards; also take part in Wednesday evening service. Communion roll carefully kept, recently revised and purged. Membership 191. No roll of baptised children. Attendance of about thirty at week evening service. Prayer meeting also before Sunday evening service, and monthly prayer meeting after service for missions. The Sunday schools in connection with congregation in a vigorous condition. Two schools are held on Sunday, including infant class. International series of lessons used. School watched over by elders. Minister visits one of the schools every Sunday. A Missionary Association, money raised by mission boxes. Deacons' Court meets monthly—minutes regularly kept—annual meeting and printed report. Finance managed by pew-rents, door collections, and envelopes. For all purposes last year about £600 was collected. A mission school to reach the outlying masses: attendance good, but few results in the way of additions to St. George's. Intend shortly to begin a mission service for adults in same place where school is kept.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—(*Visited February 20.*)

Hearty meeting with congregation; frank and pleasant intercourse with office-bearers.

Population of Bishop Auckland about 12,000, increasing; well churched; quickening among Episcopalians since settlement of Bishop Lightfoot. Congregation begun in 1864, church opened 1865; church and site cost £1,000, and manse £850, all paid. Communion roll revised a fortnight since; 104 members; no roll of baptized children; elders divide membership by a plan peculiar to themselves, but so that each member is visited quarterly; note of absentees from communion kept by individual elders. Attendance on Sunday from 100 to 150; a weekly prayer meeting on Monday evening, at which elders take part. A Sunday school for congregation, but small, owing to want of accommodation; international lessons; a mission school at Blue Row; also an evening meeting there for adults. A Missionary Association existed, but was given up when Sustentation Fund was adopted. A great and healthy work of tract distribution, 1,400 tracts distributed monthly in various districts of the town; twenty-seven distributors, expense £9 yearly. Congregation raising £400 at present for organ and improvement of church interior.

TOW LAW.—(*Visited February 21.*)

Meeting with people hearty, seventy-five present; expressions from all sides of satisfaction with young minister.

Population between 5,000 and 6,000, employed in iron and coke works and collieries; five churches, including our own. Church built in 1863, Mr. Scott only other minister before Mr. Slade, who was ordained March 1, 1882. Church seated for 200; free seats. Two elders, seven managers, 41 members, 15 Sunday school teachers (some of these not members). A quickened life in Church at present; attendance at Church Sunday evening about 240; morning not so good; Church members chiefly at morning service, also many children. A weekly service on Wednesday evening, average attendance twenty, conducted by minister alone. Recently a week of Special Services with good results. Sustentation Fund, fifty-four contributors (130 per cent. of members), who give about £3 per month. No Missionary Association, but collectors of Sustentation money leave 'Messenger.' No division into elders' districts as yet, nor Band of Hope, but proposal being considered to establish Band of Hope, and add to Session. Communion cards are used, and will be henceforth distributed by the elders. Communion roll thoroughly revised. Building greatly in need of repairs; people unable of themselves to undertake these; circumstances such as to commend them to the sympathy and help of the general Church.

CROOK.—(*Visited February 22.*)

Hearty meetings with office-bearers, and in church with people.

Population of town about 14,000. Church began in 1861; Mr. Dods ordained in 1863. Session small; minutes regularly kept; membership 90; average attendance 120; communion quarterly. Cards distributed at church; weekly prayer meeting held, but not always at church, sometimes in school or cottage, as announced from pulpit. Managers meet as occasion requires; minutes regularly kept; in finance, Sustentation Fund, collections, door collections, and other methods produced a total of £152 16s. 5d. No Mis-

sionary Association, but 'Messenger' largely distributed by the lady collectors, and 'Juvenile Messengers' are distributed both by these ladies and at the schools.

Sunday school work in a good state; fourteen teachers in the Church school, four in a side school at 'Hill Top,' and five at Willington. A class for higher instruction, of which five are going up for examination; also a young men's fellowship meeting on Sunday morning, attended by sixteen.

With respect to outlying population, Mr. Dods, in connection with Non-conformist brethren in town, gives himself to open-air services in the market-place on Saturday evenings. Two and a half miles off is village of Willington. There had always been occasional services there conducted by the minister of Crook, but recently a building was acquired from the Primitive Methodists, and since then Mr. Dods has conducted service regularly in the afternoon and arranged for an evening service there. In consequence, the members who used to have to come to Crook are now supplied with ordinances at their own doors. A good Sunday school work is carried on in the forenoon besides, at which not fewer than fifty scholars attend. The deputies visited this mission in the afternoon, and had a very excellent meeting with the people there. The communion is observed quarterly, and baptism administered in the little chapel; thirty-eight were present at Willington, and one hundred and eight at Crook.

MOUNT PLEASANT OR SPENNYMOOR.—(*Visited February 23.*)

Excellent meeting with the congregation. Population 14,000. Church opened 1863; Mr. Friskin ordained 1863. Membership 108; elders six, managers twelve. Average attendance best in the evening, when 100 to 120 are present. Have a weekly prayer meeting, averages about eighteen present; elders sometimes assist. Elders distribute cards for communion at the church. Communion observed half-yearly.

Finance.—From Sustentation Fund:—Seat rents, collections, and other sources last year £198 3s. 3d.

This includes contributions for foreign missions, home mission, and College, in all £9 3s. 2d.

No debt.

Sustentation Fund, forty-six contributors and six lady collectors. Sabbath school has 123 on roll, average attendance 90; of these, 50 in infant classes. Seventeen teachers, of whom twelve are members of Church. Minister present every day; have a scheme of lessons of their own; minister takes subject of lesson as basis of his morning's discourse.

A Bible class for young persons numbers twenty-four, eight going forward for examination in connection with Higher Instruction.

Managers twelve. Have monthly meetings. Minutes kept.

Church situated at the eastern extremity of Mount Pleasant, itself the most eastern and smallest portion of Spennymoor, which has a population of about 14,000. The church is distant from the centre of population nearly one and a half miles; very desirable to have service in the centre of Spennymoor. The congregation composed chiefly of those connected with iron-works and tradesmen, with one or two farmers; has never gained hold on the mining population, only one family of such having been connected with it.

MIDDLESBROUGH : Newport Road.—(*Visited February 24 and 25.*)

Population, 60,000; Episcopal and Methodist Churches strongest; Congregationalists, Baptists, Roman Catholics well represented. There is a considerable body of Friends, and the Salvation Army are in great force; the Unitarians also have a meeting-place. This church is a commodious modern building, exceedingly well situated.

Session.—Two elders; visit quarterly with communion cards; communion roll carefully kept and regularly revised; membership, 117. No roll of baptised children.

Church Attendance.—Evening service better than morning—about 200 present; a Wednesday evening service, at which the minister alone officiates; attendance about 12. Managers elected annually; have monthly meetings; minutes regularly kept.

Sunday School.—Attendance, 150; meets in afternoon; 15 teachers; an infant class, conducted by a trained teacher. The minister has two Bible classes; one in connection with Higher Instruction; always attends Sunday school, one of his two Bible classes being conducted at the same hour; the international series of lessons used; the school has been successful in the examination for the local Sunday School Union; teachers attend training class of Union; under supervision of Session.

'Juvenile Messenger' is distributed in all the families, and four or five dozen of the 'Messenger' are placed in the pews for those who pay for them.

A Band of Hope started four months ago; meets weekly on Tuesday for an hour; 67 members. A Young Men's Literary Society meets fortnightly, with an attendance of from 18 to 25. The choir meets weekly for practice, average of 10 present.

Sustentation Fund.—Five collectors—three ladies, two gentlemen; 72 contributors; raised last year £68; collections at morning and evening service £100 2s. 8d.; seat rents £61 4s.; ordinary income £282 13s. 3d.; foreign missions £3 3s.; home £1 7s.; college £1 1s.

The special difficulty under which this Church labours is debt. Aided by a generous friend, however, they are making an effort to clear it off. The main hindrances to religion, public-houses, betting clubs, horse-racing. Large proportion of the community consists of a very rough class, quite outside religious influences. Great numbers utterly indifferent.

The deputies met with a good representation of office-bearers on Saturday evening, and one preached on Sunday morning.

MIDDLESBROUGH : Trinity.—(*Visited February 25.*)

Session.—Four elders; minutes regularly kept; roll revised on December 31, 165 members; no roll of baptised children; elders visit quarterly. Attendance at morning service, 159; at evening service, 300; prayer meeting on Tuesday evening, attended by from 10 to 40, conducted by minister, elders, and members.

Congregational Sunday Schools.—132 scholars, 11 teachers, three infant classes; international series; children collected £3 1s. 2d. by boxes; Band of Hope numbering 40 in school: there is also a Sunday morning children's service, conducted by three teachers, which meets at eleven o'clock, and has an average attendance of 80.

The Bible class—numbering 20—meets at 3.30 on Sunday; not in connection with Higher Instruction Committee.

Two mission schools in low district, South Stockton Street; 130 are on the roll; average attendance, 95; separate infant class, with an attendance of from 30 to 50.

A weekly service for adults held in an adjoining township in summer.

The managers meet monthly, have regular minutes, and are elected by open voting at the annual meeting.

Sustentation Fund.—An association; eight collectors; monthly calls; £61 10s. 6d. raised last year; seat rents, £84 14s.; collections, £148 4s. 10½d. Foreign Missionary Association with two collectors—

For Foreign Missions £5; for Juvenile Missions £3 0s. 2d.; for Gavazzi's Work (Italy) £10 12s. 3d.; for Caffre Mission £2 2s. 0d.; total £20 14s. 5d.

Thirty 'Messengers' distributed; 120 'Juvenile Messengers.' An adult Temperance Society has been formed.

Hindrances.—Absolute indifference of the people to Divine things; Middlesbrough a great centre for gambling, pigeon-flying, coursing, betting; even young people are tainted with it.

STOCKTON: St. Andrew's.—(Visited February 26.)

Population, 50,000. Wesleyan and Episcopal Churches strongest, then Congregationalists, Baptists, Roman Catholics, and Salvation Army. Friends and Unitarians have each one place of meeting; there is a Christian Lay Church and a Secularist Society.

Session.—Six elders; visit quarterly; membership, 215; roll regularly revised; baptised children, about 150. Church attendance—morning, 150 to 200; evening, 250 to 300.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, conducted by ministers and elders; attendance, 30. Managers, 15; minutes kept; occasional meetings; five retire every year.

Sunday School.—230 scholars, 19 teachers, two infant classes, one for boys and one for girls, with one teacher for each; attendance in each class, 45; international series of lessons used; school costs in all £30 to congregation; treat annually to remove scholars from Stockton races; teachers have a monthly business meeting and monthly prayer meeting; a library of 250 volumes; 'Juvenile Messengers' are distributed to number of 200. Bible class on Sunday afternoon, 30, not in connection with Higher Instruction Committee.

Penny Savings Banks—(1) connected with church, 150; open accounts, 50; weekly transactions, £20 or £30 yearly; (2) in connection with Mission at South Stockton, 50; open accounts, 20; weekly transactions, £11 yearly.

South Stockton Mission.—Began with Sunday School; then adult services begun on Tuesday evenings. On Sundays there is a children's morning service, attendance 35; school in afternoon, 75 or 80. There is an unpaid visitor in connection with this school, and also one for Church school; mission costs £20, £10 in contributions, rest from Ladies' Dorcas Society. Band of Hope, 90 members.

Temperance Society—on dual basis. 99 members; of whom 73 abstainers. 'Messengers' distributed, 50. Choir, 22; weekly practice Friday.

Tracts.—'Monthly Visitor,' 18,000; seven distributors, tracts paid by Church.

Sustentation Fund.—£128 obtained by envelopes; no association; 246 sittings let, raising £131; collections, £80 or £90.

Foreign Mission.—Annual collection, £3; by children's Christmas cards, £9; Home Mission, £2; College, £3; hospital collection, £4.

Hindrances.—Indifference: betting, pigeon-flying, &c.; even Sunday school children led away by betting; Sunday labour a great hindrance; intemperance.

Large and hearty meeting, with office-bearers, workers, and congregation.

STOCKTON: St. George's.—(*Visited February 27.*)

Session.—Four elders; visit four times a year; membership 136; 98 when Mr. Howell came. No roll of baptised children. Church attendance—morning, 140; evening, 250. Week-night service, conducted by minister and elders, held on Thursday; attendance, 40–60. Most encouraging feature in minister's opinion. Deacons, eight. Elders and deacons meet once a month.

Sunday School.—15 teachers, 170 children, an infant class of 50, taught by one teacher. Four dozen 'Juvenile Messengers' circulated. As in St. Andrew's, children have treat lasting three days during Stockton races. Costs £11. Bible class meets on Sunday afternoon at 2—attendance 10—not in connection with Higher Instruction Committee. Young Men's Literary Society—last year had 25 members—is about to be resuscitated. There is a fellowship class on Sunday morning for prayer and Bible-reading at 9.45. Special subject every morning. Minister visits it once a month.

Band of Hope, 87 members, fortnightly meetings.

Choir of little children—two parts.

Sustentation Fund, £50 0s. 2d. Five collectors, monthly subscriptions, forty-nine subscribers. Seat rents £97 15s. 6d.—226 sittings being let, 36 more than in 1881. Daily collection about £2. £118 in all, including special collections. For denominational missions £3 collected by children and others.

This Church has been engaged in great efforts to get free from debt, all its energies having been thrown into this channel. Now, however, that it is reduced to £1,300, its members will be free for more distinctively congregational work.

A. MACLEOD.

JOHN SMITH.

ROBERT AMOS.

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IV.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.

Station.

* Rev. George Smith, M.A. ...	... arrived in China,	1857.	Swatow.
„ W. S. Swanson, M.A. ...	„	1860.	Amoy.
„ H. L. Mackenzie, M.A. ...	„	1860.	Swatow.
■ „ W. Macgregor, M.A. ...	„	1864.	Amoy.
■ „ William Duffus ...	„	1869.	Swatow.
„ William Campbell ...	„	1871.	Formosa.
„ Robert Gordon, M.A. ...	„	1872.	Amoy.
„ John C. Gibson, M.A. ...	„	1874.	Swatow.
„ Thomas Barclay, M.A. ...	„	1874.	Formosa.
„ David Smith ...	„	1875.	Formosa.
„ Henry Thompson ...	„	1877.	Amoy.
* „ Donald MacIver, M.A. ...	„	1879.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
„ John Watson, M.A. ...	„	1880.	Amoy.
„ William Thow, M.A. ...	„	1880.	Formosa.
„ J. A. B. Cook ...	„	1881.	Singapore.
„ A. L. MacLeish, M.A., M.B. ...	„	1881.	Amoy.
* „ Wm. Riddell, M.A., M.B. ...	„	1881.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
„ James Main, M.A. ...	„	1882.	Formosa.
„ W. R. Thompson, B.A. ...	„	1882.	Formosa.

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

* William Gauld, M.A., M.D. ...	... arrived in China,	1863.	Swatow.
Peter Anderson, L.R.C.S. and P., Ed. ...	„	1878.	Formosa.
* Alexander Lyall, M.B., C.M. ...	„	1879.	Swatow.
David Grant, M.B., C.M. ...	„	1880.	Amoy.
* John F. McPhun, M.B., C.M. ...	„	1882.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
† James L. Maxwell, M.A., M.D. ...	„	1863.	

* Salary paid by the Auxiliary Association in Scotland.

† Dr. Maxwell, formerly medical missionary in Formosa, renders valuable service to the Committee as Editor of *The Gospel in China*, and otherwise.

MISSIONARY TEACHER.

Mr. William Paton arrived in China, 1881. Swatow.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MISSIONARIES.

Mrs. Ritchie	...	...	...	arrived in China, 1867.	Formosa.
Miss C. M. Ricketts	...	...	...	"	1878. Swatow.
Miss Elizabeth Murray	...	...	...	"	1880. Formosa.
Miss Mary Mellis	...	...	...	"	1881. Swatow.
Miss Georgina MacLagan	...	...	...	"	1882. Amoy.

NATIVE EVANGELISTS.—33 at Amoy, 15 at Swatow, and 35 at Formosa.

STUDENTS.—10 at Amoy, 21 at Swatow, and 6 at Formosa.

STATIONS.

DISTRICT OF AMOY.

(For Map see page 123.)

Eight Stations organised as Churches—viz., E-mung-kang Pechuia, Bay-pay, Khiboey, Liong-bun-si, Anhai, Kio-lai, and Chin-chew.
 Twenty Stations not yet organised as Churches—Yu-boey-kio, Peh-chioh, Koan-jim, Koan-kio, Aw-sai, Liong-kay, Liong-nia, Siang-see, Tin-hai, Phu-kiong, Tung-kio, Ta-ying, Kang-khau, Gaw-chay, Pan-to, Aw-pow, Sian-oan, Chang-poo, Khoe-a-bay, and Kak-chioh.

DISTRICT OF SWATOW.

(For Map see page 127.)

Seven Hok-lo Stations organised as Churches—viz., Swatow, Yam-tsau, Phu-soa, Chia-na, Kia-kung, Mi-ow, and Sin-hü.
 Thirteen Hok-lo Stations not yet organised as Churches—viz., Chao-chow-foo, Ung-kng, Tat-hau-pow, Chao-yang, Toa-ua, Kong-pheng, Pang-khau, Kieh-yang, Kway-tham, Na-thau, Sua-mng-sia, Au-kang, and Tsau-phou.
 Three organised Hak-ka Congregations—viz., Ng-yun-thung, Ho-pho, and Ng-kang-phu.
 Six Hak-ka Stations not yet organised as Churches—viz., Foi-tshai, Shong-sa, Lo-hai, Ho-thyen, Sin-thyen, and Thong-hang-shui.

ISLAND OF FORMOSA.

(For Map see page 133.)

Tai-wan District—One Station amongst Chinese, viz., Taiwanfoo.
 Four Stations amongst the Pe-po Hoan, viz., Bak-sa, Kam-a-na, Kong-a-na, and Poah-bay.
Hong-soa District—Twelve Stations amongst Chinese—viz., Pi-thau, Ta-kao, Tang-kang, Tek-a-kha, Taw-kun-eng, A-kau, A-li-kang, Iam-paw, Ka-la-paw, Kio-a-thau, Lau-chhu-tsng, and Lombay Island.
 One Station amongst the Hak-ka Chinese—viz., Lam-gan.
Ka-gi District—One Station amongst Chinese—viz., Ka-gi.

Four Stations amongst Pe-po Hoan—viz., Giam-cheng, Ka-poa-soa, Than-sia, and Hoan-a-chhan.

Chiang-hoa District—Five Stations amongst the Sek-hoan—viz., Toa-sia, Aw-gu-lan, Toa-lam, Gu-khun-soa, and Paw-sia city.

East Coast.—Three Stations amongst the Pe-po Hoan, viz., Chim-kong-o, Tak-kai, and Chioh-pai.

SINGAPORE.

One Station—Bukit Timah.

The history of the Church's Foreign Mission has given many occasions for thanksgiving. Sometimes it has been for the men who have consecrated their lives to China; sometimes for the varied and remarkable openings on the field itself; sometimes for the spiritual blessing which has crowned the work. And the record of the past year's experience would be scanned to little purpose if it did not lead us to new and heartfelt gratitude to God. On this occasion, however, we are summoned to thanksgiving not so much for new mercies in far-off China, although these have been abundant, as for mercies at home, which are intimately linked with the further prosperity of the Mission. The Church has responded heartily and at once to the call made for larger contributions. Every Presbytery has shared in this response. The congregational contributions, which in 1881 amounted to £4,686, have risen in 1882 to £6,791. The Juvenile Fund has increased from £1,478 to £1,724. Donations also have increased, so that, despite the fact that the Mission income is not yet quite on a level with the expenditure, the year has been one of much encouragement.

Much of the advance in congregational contributions has been obtained by the adoption of the plan urged in last year's Report. In some instances individual congregations, in others groups of congregations, have set before themselves the support of a single or a married missionary as a definite point to be aimed at. The very definiteness of the object, apart from its worthiness, has drawn forth the support of many who, under less definite conditions, would not have felt called upon to give so much. Such a plan will, of course, best succeed when it secures the hearty interest of some one or more in a congregation, who will make it a special care. Your Committee would be glad to see this method more widely adopted.

Much also has been effected by the untiring labours of Messrs. Swanson, Gibson, and Barclay in visiting the churches. These brethren have addressed many congregations and sabbath schools both in England and Scotland, and their earnest and instructive words have been highly prized.

The expansion of the Hak-ka Mission, by the appointment of Dr. McPhun, was an event altogether unexpected by your Committee, and due entirely to the munificence of one of the oldest friends of the Mission, George F. Barbour, Esq., of Bonskeid, the President of the Scottish Association. Mr. Barbour's gift guarantees the salary of two missionaries to the Hak-kas. Dr. McPhun is the first of these. The second is to be an ordained missionary. We are sure that the Church will appreciate this further mark of Mr. Barbour's generous and unfailing interest in the China Mission.

The advocacy of the Hak-ka Mission by our own Theological students has contributed at home to deepen the interest in it, and for their willing help both the Church and the Hak-ka missionaries are heartily grateful.

The liberality of Mr. John M. Douglas has met another need, and deserves our cordial recognition. The brethren at Swatow have long desired the erection of a house on Double Island, which should serve them as a sanitarium. Double Island is only four or five miles distant, and conveniently accessible from Swatow. It stands right in the mouth of the Swatow estuary, and secures in summer all the freshness of the daily sea-breeze. A sum of £500 was required for the erection and furnishing of a suitable house, and Mr. Douglas has provided that amount. It is to be called the 'Douglas Sanitarium,' that thus the revered name of Carstairs Douglas may be perpetuated at Swatow as it has been at Amoy by the Douglas Memorial Church.

The year's record of the Mission is, on the whole, one of much encouragement. The happy settlement of four native pastors is itself enough to make the year memorable. The fruit of these ministerial settlements may not appear immediately, but may be confidently looked for both in stronger congregations and in new and larger developments of evangelistic labour. They cannot fail throughout the whole native Church to give an impetus to the spirit of self-reliance, and to lead to larger views of the future of Christianity in China through the working of a thoroughly organised and competent native ministry. It would be well if these dear native brethren found a warm place in the Church's prayers.

The Church will rejoice to note the increasing earnestness at the several Mission centres in the matter of training men for the native pastorate. Year by year the desire deepens to secure for the students a more efficient training. The choice of men, as well as their education, is a grave and difficult matter, and our brethren need much prayer, both in private and in public, that the Spirit of Christ may rest upon them as the Spirit of wisdom. We are thankful to report that 'the School of the Prophets' at Taiwanfoo, Formosa, is now reopened.

The statistics for the year show an increase of close on 200 to the adult membership, which now stands at 2,768. When the old Elder, whose death is recorded in the Amoy Report, was baptised in 1854, there were in all China only between 100 and 200 converts, and the majority of these were in the town of Amoy. The advance in China since then has been very striking. Between 20,000 and 30,000 converts are to be found in China now in full communion with the Churches, and, under God's blessing, our own Mission has been privileged to gather in its goodly share of that number. The labourers at all the stations renew their oft-repeated request, 'Brethren, pray for us.'

It is with deep regret that your Committee have to report such a failure of Mr. Gordon's health as necessitates his immediate return to this country. The medical orders are peremptory. This interruption to Mr. Gordon's earnest, successful, and highly prized work at Amoy is the more to be deplored that it carries with it the removal also of Mrs. Gordon, whose energy and helpfulness in all that concerned the Girls'

School and Women's Work at Amoy can ill be spared. It is with a very heavy heart that our brother and sister leave Amoy, but the Master's will seems plain, and it is some comfort that they leave the work in so hopeful and interesting a state.

Statistics of the Mission for 1882.

	Communicants, Dec. 31, 1881.	Adults baptised in 1882.	Admitted to Com- munion, having been baptised in infancy.	Received by Certificate.	Restored to Communion.	Suspended in 1882.	Excommunicated in 1882.	Died in 1882.	Gone elsewhere.	Communicants, Dec. 31, 1882.	Children baptised in 1882.	Total baptised children.	Members now under suspension	
Amoy	685	44	8	25	4	8	3	25	12	718	37	329	66	
Swatow {	Hoklos	603	105	4	—	4	7	—	17	3	689	30	198	71
	Hak-kas	110	43	—	—	3	5	—	3	—	148	7	37	10
Formosa	1172	71	—	2	11	33	—	44	5	1174	97	560	95	
Singapore.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39	—	—	—	
	2570	263	12	27	22	53	3	89	20	2768	171	1124	242	

AMOY.

[AMOY MISSION MAP.—The AMOY Mission has its work in the FO-KIEN province, a province with an area very little less than that of England and Wales, and having a population of fifteen millions. The first missionaries of our Church, the Rev. W. C. Burns and Dr. James Young, began to labour at Amoy in 1851. The first great blessing in the conversion of souls was obtained at Pechuia in 1854. An-hai and the northern portion of the Amoy field embracing Chin-chew were definitely entered upon by the Rev. Dr. Douglas in 1859. Khi-boey, from which so much of the work in the S.W. has developed, was occupied in 1862. The district city of Chang-poo became a station in 1879.]

The unsatisfactory condition of Mr. Gordon's health during the past year greatly limited his visits to the country churches. It was, accordingly, deemed best for the interests of the mission that the three ordained brethren, Messrs. Gordon, Thompson, and Watson, should divide the field, and that whilst Mr. Gordon took the superintendence of the College and the direction of the preachers, Mr. Thompson should devote himself to the Southern churches, and Mr. Watson do his utmost to succour Dr. Grant in Chin-chew and overlook the Northern. This arrangement was successfully carried out, Mr. Thompson in the interval of his Southern station work assisting also in the College and in the Middle School.

At the beginning of the year there were ten students on the College Roll. Of these, one, the most promising of all, died in the institution itself of fever; another has become school-teacher in connection

with the Bay-pay congregation ; a third, who had not been enrolled as a regular student, has gone out as a Bible colporteur ; whilst a fourth, one of the most advanced of the present students, begins work almost immediately as a preacher. The vacancies thus created are all filled up, and ten students are as many as the present building can well accommodate.

Thian-Khe, the College tutor, was lately ordained as pastor over the Kio-lai Church, and the missionaries are endeavouring to find a suitable successor.

The training of a native Ministry is felt by the brethren at Amoy to be in many respects, perhaps, the most important work now before them. Their views are in perfect harmony in this matter with those of the Church at home, and your Committee have taken it as a token for good that Mr. Macgregor, with his very special gifts and past experience in such work, was enabled ere the year closed to set forth on his return journey to Amoy. Mr. Macgregor will devote his energies particularly to College work, and though not as able now to bear the climate of South China as when he first went out nearly twenty years ago, it is hoped that by the avoidance of long and fatiguing land journeys in visiting the stations, his health may long be preserved.

The Middle School at Amoy has been a source of much encouragement. It is at present under the charge of Hoat-lek, one of the ablest of the young Amoy preachers. Hoat-lek's father was also for many years a preacher, and the son gives evidence of the unspeakable advantage of an early Christian training. He gives himself most heartily and devotedly to his work, and is greatly respected and loved by his pupils. Almost the whole burden of teaching has fallen on him, and it has included not only instruction in Scripture knowledge, but also in such subjects as arithmetic, geography, the composition of essays, &c. The Chinese graduate, who reads the classics with the College students, helps also in similar studies in the Middle School. The number of pupils during the year was twelve. Mr. Gordon urges strongly the importance of this school, and the need of a properly qualified teacher from this country, whose time and strength should be devoted, as in Mr. Paton's case at Swatow, to the superintendence not only of the Middle School, but of the educational work throughout the Church in the Amoy region. There seems every reason to expect that in a year or two the Middle School will be self-supporting.

The experience of the past year has manifested more than ever the great value of the Girls' School. The demand for admission on the part of new pupils has necessitated an enlargement of the school accommodation, and it is pleasant to hear of the surprise and delight that are frequently shown by parents and others when they see the improvement that has taken place in the girls after they have been some time in the school.

Good work has been done during the year by the Bible colporteurs. Eight such agents are employed. They are superintended by the missionaries, but the salaries of six of them are paid from the funds of the Bible Society. Last year some fourteen thousand Bibles and tracts were sold. Such agents are most helpful as pioneers in opening up new parts of the field, the dissemination of Christian truth thus often

preparing the way for a more ready and enlightened appreciation of the Gospel message.

Three new stations have been opened in this district during the year, two of them being offshoots from the An-hai congregation. The settlement of Kam-tsoan as pastor at An-hai seems to have given quite a new impulse to the life of the congregation, and more additions have been made to it during the year than to any other in the Mission. Another cause of thankfulness in connection with An-hai is that, after much trouble and in spite of the determined opposition of the native authorities, a much more suitable building has been got for a place of worship than that which has been so long in use. New churches have been erected during the year at three of the stations, Gaw-chay, Peh-chioh, and Siong-see, the members at these places themselves contributing very heartily, and to the utmost of their ability, to the expense of building. Both at Gaw-chay and Siong-see much fresh interest in the Gospel has been awakened, and not a few baptisms have taken place. The comfortable little church at Gaw-chay, the Christian school in the village, and the large and intelligent congregation meeting for Divine worship every Lord's day are in striking contrast with the state of things in that village when, not so many years ago, Mr. Gordon baptised the first convert there. In the city of Chang-poo the authorities summoned the landlord, middleman, and writer of the deed of the mission property there, and had them severely beaten for renting the house to the church, and notified the preacher that the place must be given back to the landlord by a certain time. There was no help for it but to seek the Consul's aid against such illegal violence; and though a settlement has not yet been effected, there is every hope that the native authorities will come to a more reasonable mind. Meanwhile, good opportunities are obtained for preaching the Gospel in the city. The settlement of a pastor at Chin-chew has not yet been completed, the pastor elect still finding difficulty in accepting the position. It is intimated that the Bay-pay church is looking forward to being able, ere long, to call a pastor.

The establishment of the Hospital at Chin-chew marks a new and most important departure in the history of our work in the Amoy district. Chin-chew is an interior city, and not one of the treaty ports. It is one of the largest cities in the Province of Fo-kien, and is most influential both as a political and a literary centre. Suitable premises have been secured and the title deeds have been signed by the native authorities. During the first eight months of the work, 3,000 patients have been treated by Dr. Grant, and the work is so growing that arrangements are being made for procuring additional accommodation. The evangelistic part of the work is being vigorously carried on, and marked blessing is following it. Mr. Watson has spent most of the year in Chin-chew. Dr. Grant has also under his care native students, to whom he devotes a part of his time, and with whose progress he is well pleased. The steady, persistent and successful prosecution of this work is of the utmost importance. It is one of the most influential forces in its own nature and in its present location. The missionaries are greatly encouraged by its progress, and regard it as one of the

most valuable departments of the Mission. In Chin-chew the Amoy Mission has virtually established another centre.

Many will regret to learn that, as the year closed, the old elder at Pechuia, the cloth merchant Tan Nui, passed away at the ripe age of eighty-three. He and two of his sons were among the very first fruits of this mission as the result of Mr. Burns's labours. The two sons both died before their father.

The brethren at Amoy look back on the past year with feelings of deep thankfulness. 'To have witnessed,' writes Mr. Gordon, 'as we had the privilege of doing, five calls for native pastors laid on the Presbytery table by Chinese congregations undertaking, and that most heartily, the entire support of the men they were calling, is surely of itself something to encourage the hearts of all God's servants in this land, and something, too, to silence for ever the groundless assertion we sometimes hear made of the want of success attending the Gospel in China. Things are in a very hopeful and encouraging state here just now. The native pastors are in very good heart, and signs of fresh life and vigour are manifesting themselves in some of the more backward churches.'

SWATOW.

[SWATOW MISSION MAP.—The SWATOW Mission has its sphere in the CANTON province, which has an area one-third larger than that of England and Wales, and a population of about nineteen millions. The eastern portion of the province is occupied by the Hok-los, speaking a dialect allied to that of Amoy, and numbering about six millions. The central part of the province is occupied by the Hak-kas, the south and west by the Pun-tis. The Rev. W. C. Burns began work amongst the Hok-los in 1856. The first convert was baptised at Swatow by the Rev. George Smith in 1859. The prefectural city, Chao-chow-foo, was occupied in 1865. The first station opened amongst the Hak-kas was that of Ho-pho, in 1871.]

The statistics show additions to the membership larger than those obtained in any previous year. While deeply thankful for this encouragement, the brethren, through Mr. Mackenzie, make the following remarks: 'What we long for even more than mere additions to the number of professing Christians, is a deeper work of grace in those who come seeking admission to the Church. We have in every case carefully, and in almost every case repeatedly examined the applicants for baptism, and consulted the native brethren in regard to them, and, before their reception, satisfied ourselves that it was our duty to baptise them.'

Referring to a certain feebleness of spiritual life in some of the converts not lacking in sincerity, Mr. Mackenzie calls attention to the special hindrances inseparable from the former heathen life and present heathen surroundings of converts in China. 'It seems to me simply impossible for Christians in England to realise what numerous and great advantages they possess in respect of their early training and present surroundings. In ways innumerable they are acted on, directly and indirectly, by Christian influences. Family and social life, largely purified and sweetened by centuries of Christianity, abundant instruction in the Word of God, religious fellowship with experienced fellow-Christians, wide-spread philanthropies, just and equitable govern-

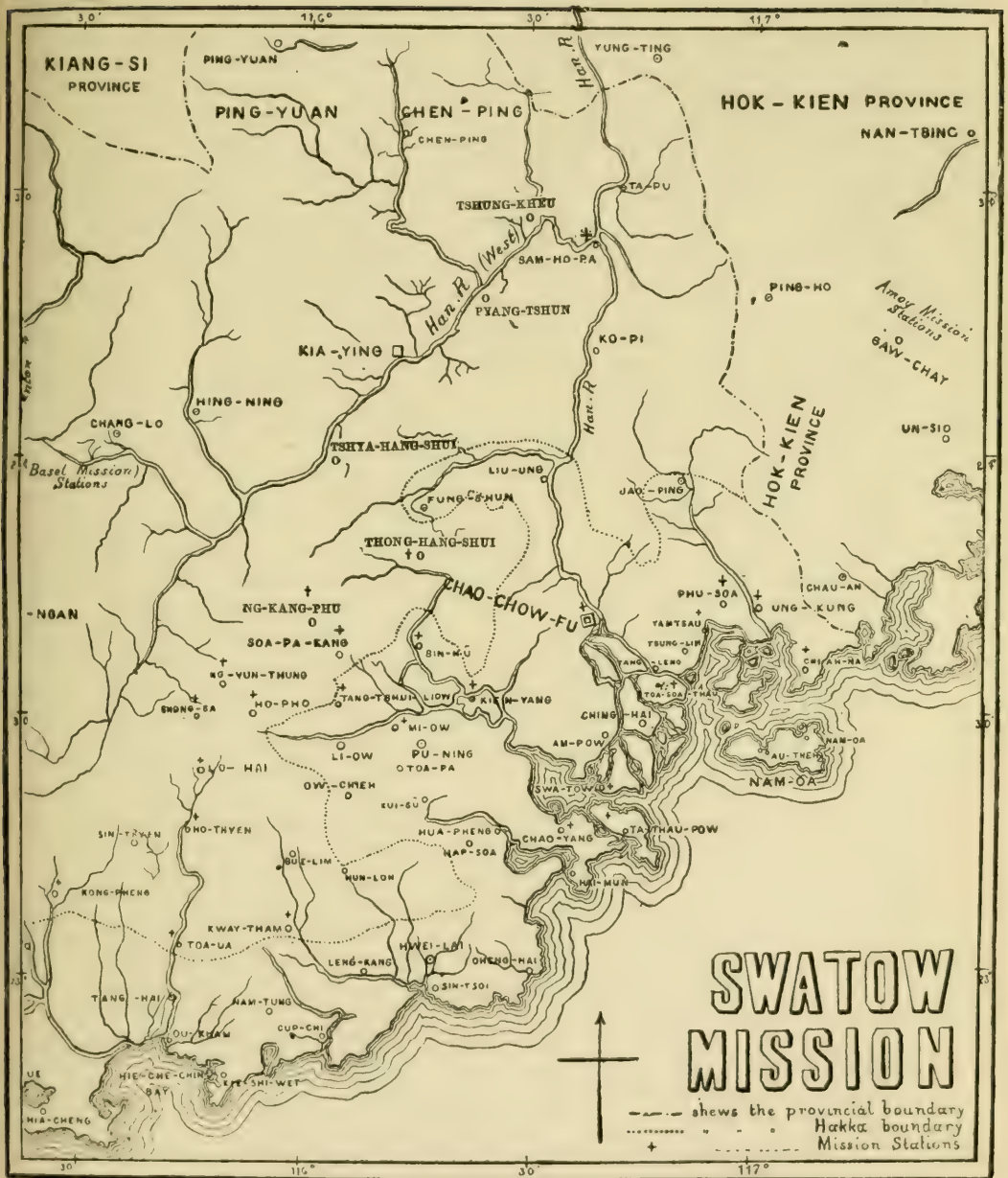
ment, a varied and admirable Christian literature, a vast force of public opinion on the side of righteousness and truth; these and such like things all help the man who desires to live a Christian life in such a land as England, and have a by no means unimportant bearing on a rich and full development of Christian life and character. Such aids are wholly wanting to converts from heathenism. The dense ignorance and gross superstition in which they have grown up, their inability for the most part to read the Scriptures, their family and social life so sadly wanting in sweetness and light, the wrongs and oppressions to which they are exposed under mandarins who are corrupt and selfish, the lack of Christian literature, and the absence of enlightened public opinion, the extreme worldliness that pervades and interpenetrates the Chinese character, these and such like things are formidable barriers to the healthy development of individual Christian life. I mention these things that friends at home may be better able to sympathise with us in our cares as regards the native Church, and that an intelligent appreciation of some of the disadvantages under which Chinese Christians labour may lead to more pity for them, and to more prayer.'

Four new stations have been formed during the year, viz. Na-thau in the Chau-an district in Fokien, and Sua-mng-sia, An-kang and Tsau-phou in the district of Chao-yang. At the last named eleven adults have already been received, and the signs for the future of all four stations are encouraging. The visiting of the stations has been steadily carried on throughout the year (over one hundred visits in the twelve months), and this part of the work, which implies the overlooking alike of the native preachers and of the congregations, is felt to be of much importance. These visits involve not a little hard work. Usually from early in the forenoon till late in the afternoon, and sometimes till late at night, the visiting missionary is almost constantly occupied. Six or eight hours on end, with brief interval for a midday meal, are taken up with examination of applicants for baptism, preaching, cases of discipline, administration of the sacraments, meetings in private with the preacher and office-bearers, cases in which help is requested in worldly affairs, and which often greatly perplex the missionary, and sometimes cause no little dissatisfaction because he refuses to take them up.

Several visits were made by ladies of the Mission to distant stations. Such visits, though comparatively few, exert an excellent influence in various ways beyond ordinary visits, and produce impressions which, in a country where woman's position is so far below what it is in Christendom, prepare the way for better things.

The College has been chiefly under Mr. Smith's care during the year. Twenty-one students have had regular daily instruction and superintendence. Mr. Smith is on the whole well pleased both with the conduct of the students and with their progress in knowledge. A full account from Mr. Smith's own pen of the various classes and of their course of study appeared in the 'Messenger' for November 1882.

The Middle School has had an average of forty pupils during the year. These are divided into four classes, and under Mr. Paton's earnest and constant supervision are doing admirably. Watchful



attention is being given to the question of self-support. Two hundred dollars were obtained during the year from school fees. By visits and otherwise Mr. Paton is endeavouring to improve the organisation of the Congregational schools throughout the Mission district, and by-and-by we may expect to hear of valuable results. Three of the Middle School boys were baptised last year, and two who had been baptised in infancy were admitted to the Lord's table.

The Girls' School has had twenty-six girls in attendance. Their proficiency at the annual examination gave much satisfaction. During the year two of them were admitted to Communion, and eight are now applicants. Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Duffus, and Mrs. Paton take charge of the school, and the Church is deeply indebted to those ladies for their earnest labours in this department of the Mission work. The story of Mrs. Mackenzie's devoted efforts in behalf of a deaf and dumb girl (see 'Messenger,' April 1883), efforts that were followed up successfully by Mrs. Duffus and Mrs. Paton when Mrs. Mackenzie was laid aside by illness, is a rare testimony in a heathen land to the gracious spirit of the Gospel.

The Hospital continues to be, as in so many previous years, a very fountain of blessing. During the past year over 4,000 cases were treated. The number of in-patients, male and female, was 2,700. The number of surgical operations performed by Dr. Lyall and his assistants was over 1,000; and it will give some idea of the extent of country that is influenced by the Medical Missionary work, when it is understood that people came to the hospital during the year from about 1,200 towns and villages! Seventeen baptisms were directly the fruits of the hospital work, and besides these there was a large number of men and women who professed to believe, and applied for baptism, but who from various causes have not yet been received.

The Ordination of Tan Khai-lin, the first convert of the Mission, to the pastorate of the Yam-tsau group of congregations, is one of the events of the year not to be forgotten. The details of the licence and ordination have been given in the Mission correspondence of the year, and it only remains to add that since Khai-lin was ordained, our brethren say that their burden and responsibility in regard to those four north-east stations have been considerably lightened. They long for the time when some of the congregations in the west shall be similarly provided, that so they may have more leisure for departments of the work which at present receive comparatively scant attention.

The work among the Bible women will be dealt with in the Report of the Women's Missionary Association. The brethren at Swatow are hoping ere long to be reaping the benefit of Miss Ricketts' steady and painstaking work. One or two of the women, it is believed, will shortly be set apart to their work as Bible women.

THE HAK-KAS.

The mission to the Hak-kas has attained to such proportions as to claim henceforth a distinct position. Occupying a separate territory, and dealing with a people of a peculiar speech, it now possesses its own

staff of missionaries, and a distinct centre of residence and organised labour. Its regularly worked stations are nine in number, and its adult membership (in full communion) amounts to one hundred and forty-eight.

The good health of the missionaries, the peaceful settlement at Ng-kang-phu, the arrivals of Mrs. Riddel and of Dr. McPhun, the entrance by Dr. Riddel, after twelve months' study, upon Hak-ka preaching labours, and, above all, the presence and blessing of the Lord, as evidenced by the number added to the Church, signalise the year as one of goodness and mercy to the Hak-ka Mission.

The new centre, Ng-kang-phu, is a village, or rather cluster of villages, fairly within the Hak-ka territory, but so close to the river as to be readily accessible from Swatow, which is some 60 miles distant. The premises secured are tolerably suitable for Mission residence, for the teaching of students, and for dispensary work, and the position is one from which the stations already opened may be conveniently visited. Ng-kang-phu itself contains the nucleus of a Christian community, and as the members live at no great distance from the Mission residence, the students under training have opportunities of visiting the Christian families, and while conducting evening worship of giving systematic Scriptural instruction.

Station work has been carried on uninterruptedly during the year, and some important additions, as *Thong-hang-shui* and *Sin-thyen*, have been made to the list. *Thong-hang-shui* in the Fung-shun district is now the centre of a good deal of Christian work. There is not only a chapel but a Christian congregation of nine members, all baptised during the year. In not a few families in the neighbourhood the idols have been 'utterly abolished.' *Sin-thyen* is an important centre, but not much can be said as yet of visible success. At *Ng-yun-thung* six adults were received, and matters on the whole are in a hopeful state. *Ho-pho* is still in point of numbers the most important Hak-ka station. There have been ten baptisms during the year, two of them being of women, and there are still many applicants. From this station the interest in the truth is spreading to new villages. *Ho-pho* is also making progress in the matter of Christian giving, and if things continue to prosper the congregation ought soon to be self-supporting in every respect. At *Ng-kang-phu* there has been real progress, and the outlook is promising. Eleven adults were baptised, and others are seeking admission to the Church. Of the other regular stations not much can be said of an encouraging nature.

In addition to the regular stations there are three other places where people meet stately on Sabbath for Christian worship.

In all, during the past year, in connection with the Hak-ka Mission, there were baptised 43 adults and 7 infants. The total number of members at the Hak-ka stations is 158 (including 10 now under suspension). Of these only 9 are females. Of the adult membership, about *one-half* has been received since the beginning of 1881, and of all the names now on the roll only about *one-sixth* were baptised previously to 1877.

The readiness with which they stand up for the truth, the absence of

all compromise with idolatry, their simple, direct, childlike trust in God—these are among the good points of these Hak-ka Christians. It they are in many things *below* the standard of Western and more favoured Christians, it is but right to add that they are certainly *far above* the heathen who surround them.

Evangelistic work has received a good deal of attention during the past year. The villages round about Ho-pho, Thong-hang-shui, and Ng-kang-phu have been visited, and in addition the basin of the Han River was visited three times during the year for evangelistic purposes. Further, the preacher at Ta-pu has done a good deal of similar work in the Ta-pu and Yung-ting districts. Two colporteurs also spent a good part of the year working among the Hak-kas, and went as far north as Ting-chow-foo. And although it is impossible to tabulate the fruits of these evangelistic labours, it is right to say that in cases not a few the truth met with a favourable reception; Christian tracts and books have found many readers, and in many respects a way has been opened up for hopeful Gospel work. ‘The more one takes part in evangelistic work,’ says Mr. MacIver, ‘the more one is impressed with the truth of a statement frequently made, that if China is to be evangelised it must be by means of native agents.’

Educational work.—With so much station and evangelistic work on his hands, Mr. MacIver has not been able to do for the training of his students anything like the amount of work they required. At Ng-kang-phu there are nine students under training, and four or five more (who also know Hok-lo) are being trained at Swatow. The course of study is much the same in both places, being mainly Biblical and theological. The College tutor at Ng-kang-phu continues to give great satisfaction. Not only on account of his scholarship, but also on account of his Christian character, he is held in high esteem by the native Church, as well as by the students and missionaries.

At Ng-yun-thung, Ho-pho, and Ng-kang-phu there are *Congregational schools*, the number of boys attending being about thirty. Of those baptised during the year, five or six had been in connection with those schools. No systematic work has yet been possible either for Hak-ka girls or women. One of Miss Ricketts’s class is a Hak-ka, and there are one or two who speak Hak-ka in the Swatow Girls’ School, but that is all. The very small number of baptised women in the Hak-ka Church shows what need there is for such work. And the Hak-ka women are quite as accessible as their Hok-lo sisters. Let us hope that Mrs. Riddel’s settlement among them will pave the way for new and successful efforts in their behalf.

Medical.—Dr. Riddel, whilst pursuing his studies, has done as much as he could both at Ng-kang-phu and at other stations to meet the calls made upon him for medical help, and many who would not otherwise have been reached were in this way brought within the sound of the Gospel. During the year Dr. Riddel saw and prescribed for over 1,100 patients.

‘We rejoice to know,’ writes Mr. MacIver, ‘that we are being daily remembered in the prayers of God’s people. It is a blessed thought when we are alone among the heathen, as it is often our lot to be, that

the communion of saints is a glorious reality. Give us an abiding place in your sympathy and in your prayers, that our spiritual light may not be dimmed by the oppressive darkness around us, but rather that it may shine out more brightly, that we may lead many souls to the knowledge of Him who is "the Light of the world."

FORMOSA.

[FORMOSA MISSION MAP.—The island of Formosa is included in the province of Fo-kien. Its population of three millions consists for the greater part of Amoy-speaking Chinese, the western portion of the island having since the beginning of the seventeenth century been gradually colonised from the opposite mainland. Hak-ka-speaking Chinese are found occupying many of the villages close to the western slopes of the great mountain range. The Aboriginal population, partly civilised, partly savage, is found in the hill regions of the island. Mission work in Formosa was begun in 1865. The district city of Pe-taou was occupied in 1867, the chief city, Tai-wan-foo, in 1869, the district city of Ka-gi in 1875. The Pepo-hoan or civilised Aborigines of the south were reached in 1869; the Sek-hoan in the north in 1871. The Hak-ka station at Langan was opened in 1875. A station was formed on Lombay I. in 1879. The station on the east coast at Chim-kong-o was planted in 1880.]

The past year has been a somewhat trying one in Formosa. In the early part of the year the only two ordained missionaries on the field, Messrs. Campbell and Thow, were both of them suffering considerably from intermittent fever and its results. Happily, as the spring advanced, the health of both considerably improved, and while Mr. Campbell directed work at Taiwanfoo, Mr. Thow has been unceasing in visiting the stations. They have not been left without encouragement in their labours, whilst the long looked-for gift of two additional missionaries has crowned the year with gladness, and filled their hearts with hopefulness for the future.

In their short-handed condition, a visit of two months by the Rev. Tan Leng of Pechua was warmly welcomed. He visited over twenty of the Formosan congregations, overtaking a large amount of very painstaking and much-needed work, and giving a healthy impetus to the lives of the preachers.

No change has taken place in the number of stations during the year, though it may be well to add that, just at its close, the Taiwanfoo preacher was sent to a place about seventy miles north of the chief city, and nearly a day's journey north of Ka-gi. This place lies very close on the direct road to Toa-sia, and would be an excellent resting-place in journeying thither. It is an exclusively *Chinese* village, and the movement in it towards the Gospel has been going on for upwards of a year and a half. More than ten families in the place, which is called Chhin-a-kha, are said to have renounced idolatry. These people have been meeting regularly for worship for quite a number of months, and as it has long been the desire of the brethren at Taiwanfoo to get a better hold of the *Chinese* population in that quarter, which is very large, they have sent one of their most experienced preachers to reside there for a time and report upon the movement. In the immediate neighbourhood of the place there is one of the few Roman Catholic chapels in the island.

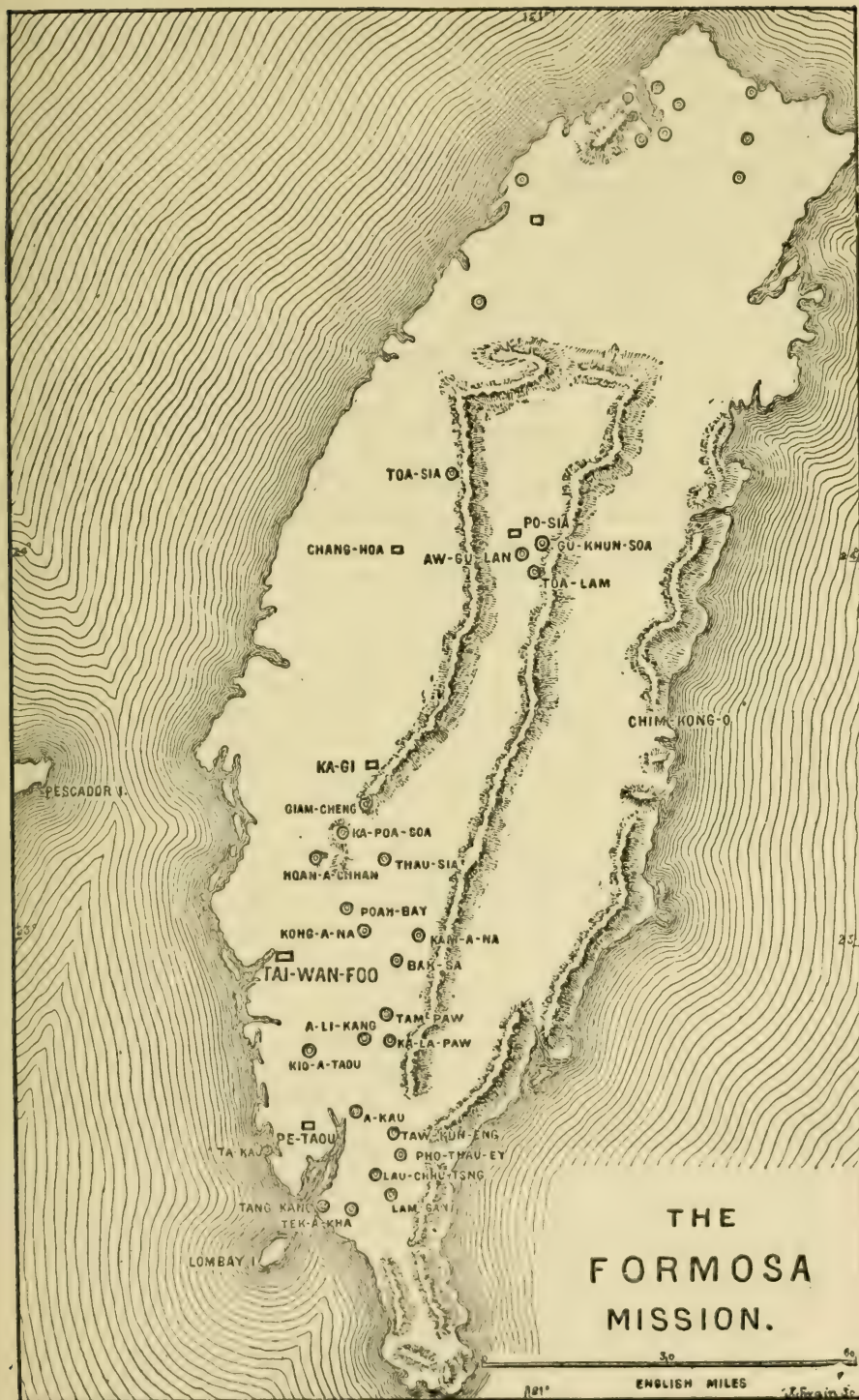
During the past year the Toa-sia and Paw-sia congregations have

continued to make decided progress in almost every respect, the only falling off shown being in the important matter of Christian giving. Even in this respect, however, the Toa-sia congregation still maintains the position which was taken up by the brethren a year or two ago. Their givings for the past year amount to a little over £33 sterling, being sufficient to defray all their current expenses, and rendering it unnecessary to send them any pecuniary help whatever. In other respects those northern churches have been holding on in a way that is most encouraging. The admissions for the year amongst them show no falling off, the smaller number as compared with last year being due to the fact that the autumn visit had to be omitted on account of urgent work at some of the south stations. As usual, also, the discipline which had to be exercised among them was merely nominal.

Concerning the Ka-gi and Bak-sa group of churches there is nothing special to report. Among the latter the Rev. Tan Leng's visit was immensely appreciated, and productive of much good both to the people and office-bearers. Nearly the same remark applies to most of the southern stations. Next to a larger measure of God's own Spirit, what is needed at all those places is a greater amount of loving, painstaking, pastoral work, and the help of a more earnest and educated class of preachers than those who have hitherto been available in Formosa. Mr. Campbell says that 'the evil effects of the people being left so much to themselves have been more apparent this year than at any previous time in the history of the mission. When the missionaries can be seldom with them the preachers become careless and disheartened, leaving their posts to look after petty little matters of their own, and doing almost nothing in the way of preparation for the weekly services. Another thing is that when cases of discipline are not immediately gone into on being reported, many of the brethren manifest only too great proneness to justify themselves in some wrong course, because So-and-so is allowed to act in a similar way without being called to account. Sabbath desecration has spread more particularly among the Chinese portion of the members and adherents, and it will take years of self-denying labour to cure some of the evils which have arisen from the mission having been kept so long undermanned.' It is quite manifest that the arrival of Messrs. Main and Thompson has not been a day too soon.

The Statistical Report shows that 71 adults have been added to the membership, whilst over against this there has been a painful duty of dealing with 33 of the members for conduct unbecoming their profession of Christ.

With regard to the College, Mr. Campbell reports the completion of the Tutor's house, and the fact that one of the best of the preachers in the Formosa mission has consented to act as native tutor. At one time there was a hope of obtaining a still more suitable man from the mainland, but the negotiations fell through. Perhaps it is as well that in this matter the Formosan Church is thrown upon its own resources. Baw-chheng, who is to act as tutor, is about 27 years of age, a fair scholar and a consistent Christian. It is hoped that matters may be so arranged that one or other of the missionaries will always be at hand



to assist him in his work, the brethren being persuaded that it is of the highest moment that the students should enjoy a full share of their care and help. It was intended that the College should be opened immediately after the Chinese New Year's holidays with some five or six students.

During the year Dr. Anderson has been kept very busy ; and chiefly through the help of Mrs. Ritchie and Miss Murray, more has been done in the way of personal dealing with the patients than in previous years. One poor sufferer came under the power of the truth and was afterwards baptised, and at the close of the year there were several who, during their stay in hospital, had been taught to read the New Testament for themselves in the Roman letter. Dr. Anderson's own report is not to hand, so that the statistics of the year's work in hospital cannot be given.

The past twelve months have seen a great deal of patient and excellent work on the part of Mrs. Ritchie and Miss Murray. Their classes were recently examined by Messrs. Campbell and Thow, who found that the children had made *remarkable* progress in reading, writing, and general knowledge. Hitherto these classes have been conducted either in the chapel, or in the hall of the ladies' dwelling-house, or in the hospital. We trust that ere this year closes they may be in possession of a suitable school building of their own.

SINGAPORE.

After a sojourn of eleven months at Swatow, Mr. Cook returned in November last to Singapore. He succeeded in renting a comfortable house not far from the Chinese quarter, and was married on November 22. Our mission to the Chinese of Singapore is therefore now fairly begun, and it will henceforth claim a share in the affections and prayers of the Church.

Mr. Cook has made good progress in the language. Every Lord's day since his return to Singapore he has taken one of the native preaching services at Bukit-Timah, and in Singapore itself he has begun a native prayer meeting, to which a few find it a privilege to come. The Session of the Presbyterian Church at Singapore has handed over to the Mission the full charge of the station at Bukit-Timah. This station is seven miles distant from the town of Singapore, and the Church there was planted as long ago as 1861. From that time till now it has been under the native charge of Chin-Kwang, a Swatow convert, who at one time was a servant of the Rev. Geo. Smith, but who had never enjoyed any special training as a catechist. The roll of members which has been kept since 1861 shows that 82 persons have been baptised in the place. Of these, 65 were adults and 17 were children. Of the adults, three were women ; and of the children, nine were girls. Fifty-six of the adults were from the Swatow district, four from Amoy, three from Hai-nan, and two from Macao. The disproportionately large number of Swatow receptions is due to the fact of the preacher being a Swatow man, and to the services being in that dialect. At the Episcopal Mission Chapel, where the services are in the Amoy dialect, most of the converts are Amoy men.

Of the eighty-two persons above mentioned, nineteen have died, sixteen have gone elsewhere, twenty-eight are still living at Bukit-Timah, fifteen at Singapore town, and four at Pong-goe. Of these latter, not all are now in connection with the Mission. Some worship elsewhere, some have grown cold and indifferent, whilst nearly all the children have been sent to the schools of other Missions. So far as Mr. Cook can ascertain only one of the baptised girls has been married to a heathen.

No record has been kept of members coming from China and elsewhere who have joined the Church at Bukit-Timah. At present, according to the list presented by Chin-Kwang, there are thirty-nine members, some baptised in China, and the rest at Bukit-Timah. Many of these live so far away that they do not come very often, but some of them meet for worship now and then in their own homes.

On the last Sabbath of 1882 Mr. Cook had the privilege of baptising two children belonging to members of the native Church, and on the same day two men who came from a considerable distance applied for admission to the Church. Both of these have been over ten years in the colony, and for two years at least hearers of the Gospel. There seemed no special reason why their request should not at once have been granted, but in order that Mr. Cook might have opportunity of making their fuller acquaintance, it was deemed well to delay admission.

Also on the same day two of the members requested the missionary to arrange for a religious service in connection with their approaching marriages. Both of the brides are Siamese, and both are heathen. Unfortunately the dearth of Christian women in Singapore makes it impossible to say much on the manifest danger of such alliances. By a better provision for the Christian training of girls within the reach of the Mission's influence, it will be well in the future to diminish the temptation to form them.

Mr. Cook is expecting ere long to have the help of two efficient catechists, one from Amoy and the other from Swatow. He is counting also on such prolonged visits from members of the staff at these two centres as shall greatly strengthen his hands, and enable him wisely to mature his plans for the development of Mission work in and around Singapore.

It may be well to repeat here what has been detailed more fully in the 'Messenger.' According to the census of 1881, there are at Singapore 24,981 Amoy-speaking and 22,644 Swatow-speaking Chinese; also 14,833 Cantonese, 8,319 Chinese from the island of Hai-nan, 6,170 Hak-kas, and of Straits-born Chinese or Babas 9,527; in all 86,766.

HUGH M. MATHESON,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 298.]

INDIA.

STATION—RAMPORE BAULEAH, IN THE DISTRICT OF RAJSHAYE, BENGAL.

Medical Missionary—Dr. MORISON.*Report by Dr. Morison for the Year ending October 31, 1882.*

Again it has pleased God to permit us to work another year in this corner of His vineyard, and looking back over that period we find great cause for thankfulness; for though the spiritual fruits do not appear as we might desire to see them, yet we cannot but acknowledge that the hand of our God was with us, prospering the work, and leading us, by a way that we knew not, to undertake, and in some measure accomplish, new departures in the blessed work. Among these the most important has been the opening of Sabbath evening evangelistic meetings for English-speaking natives in the New Mission Hall. These meetings have been from the first well attended by the very class of people for whom the Hall was built. The educated class here, as elsewhere outside

the Presidency cities, has received hitherto but little attention. Now, however, this class has become so numerous as to demand special efforts to reach it, even in towns and stations with a less population than Rampore Bauleah. At our meetings we preached simply Christ Jesus and Him crucified, and we found the interest in them kept up, except towards the end of the year, when, through absence from the station and sickness, the meetings were interrupted and irregular. We found it necessary sometimes to hold meetings during the week, to remove misapprehensions or meet special forms of doubt in the minds of young men who attended. There are a few among them who seem to feel their need of pardon; but they are slow to believe that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. We had also meetings during the week in Bengali in order to reach a class not found in the bazaars, and who do not understand English, but these meetings were not so well attended.

During the year we had two young men, Hindoos, under instruction for several months. The elder lad was a hopeful seeker after truth, but the younger was restless, and seemingly not so earnest as his companion. They both left for their homes after being with us three months, and have not since returned. We have, however, not lost sight of them, and are even yet not without hope that the seed sown during these three months will bring forth fruit to the glory of God. The elder lad has returned to his people, whom he feels he cannot yet leave entirely, though he is still in heart a Christian. The other young man joined himself to a band of religious Hindoo musicians, and remained with them for several months. At length he left them, and now regrets his folly, having returned to his native village. He has since written to his friend Sheetol Babu, our catechist, and expresses a desire to come among us again. Our prayer is that these two young men may be saved from the snares and errors that beset them, and turn to the Saviour who alone can keep them. When Sheetol Babu again visited his village this year, a young man whom he had known for many years followed him hither, desiring to know the truth. He was under instruction for two months, and gave every evidence of sincerity of purpose. He was baptised on November 19, and is now living a consistent Christian among us. His name is Nilambor Dey, a native of the district of Jessore.

DISPENSARY.

During the year only one of our dispensaries was open; the room in the new building was not ready till towards the end of the year. The attendance, therefore, shows a marked diminution as compared with last year. Notwithstanding this, and that the numbers treated on tour are not recorded, the numbers are as follows:—

New cases	1,140
New and old	2,279

The work in the Dispensary is carried on as usual, by preaching to and conversation with the patients, and by the distribution of tracts and books when the patients are able to read them. As in former years, the great majority of the patients are suffering from malarious fever in some

form or other. There are many among the patients who are deeply grateful for the help thus rendered to them in their hour of need. I am sometimes stopped in the high road in the district by an old patient who wishes me to recognise him, and to accept of his expressions of gratitude. A few days ago a young Mohammedan called at my house, and with a beaming face asked me if I remembered him. I could not recall the features at the moment as familiar until he described his case, when I at once recognised him as one whom I had treated and cured of a painful eye disease three years ago. He had just come into the station, and would not pass until he had thanked me for his recovery.

ITINERATING AND PREACHING.

During the rainy season we visited the interior of the district, selecting certain central towns and large villages as suitable places at which to remain a few days preaching, distributing tracts and books, and treating diseases. We found the interior more unhealthy than last year, and consequently a greater strain was put upon our medical supplies. There was a good demand for copies of the Scriptures and tracts. Of portions of Scripture we sold about five hundred. We visited a number of central marts, where we preached to hundreds, and sold our books readily. In the villages we found the same thick darkness brooding over the people as on former occasions. Most of these villages are ostensibly Mohammedan, but in reality consist of a people ignorant alike of Mohammedanism and Hinduism. These poor ryots are often oppressed and utterly uncared for. They are open to receive instruction, and often tell me to send them some one who will live among them, and teach them these truths. 'Your words are good,' they say, 'but we soon forget them; send us a teacher.' We cannot answer, because we have not the men to send. Our real need now is a number of devoted native Christian men, who would go and live among these people, and by precept and example win them to Christ. The door is open, and could we enter in with suitable godly teachers and evangelists, these poor uncared-for ryots would soon begin to exhibit in their lives the power and beauty of the Gospel of Christ. We seek to reach all classes, but where the common people are as one hundred to one of the well-to-do classes, special efforts should be made to bring the Gospel to them, and, as of old, it would be found that the 'common people heard Him gladly.'

In some of the larger towns, where a sufficient number were found who understood English, a lecture was delivered to them on the 'Rig Veda,' the earliest and most revered of the Hindoo sacred books. The object of these lectures was to enlighten the people on the Vedic religion, to which many of them show signs of turning, as being purer than the gross idolatry of modern Hinduism. These meetings were well attended, and the impression left seemed to have been good.

In the month of November we visited the district of Mulda for the first time, and although we only visited one central village, experienced such a demand for medicine, and books, and tracts, that we had to return to Bauleah to replenish our stock for the other villages on the

Ganges. This large district is one of three districts surrounding Rajshaye, in which there is no missionary, and seems utterly uncared for by the Missionary Societies. The population of these three districts cannot be under two millions, to which if you add Rajshaye, you have a total population of about four million souls, and we are the only mission at all near them! Bogree we have never yet visited. It is like placing a missionary at Edinburgh, and expecting to have the whole of Scotland evangelised by him alone.

We also visited the two great 'fairs' in the district, viz., Manda and Premtolley. At the former fair we found a great concourse of people going and coming, chiefly ryots from the villages of Rajshaye. The word was preached daily and books sold.

At these 'melas' there is such a crush of people that they have little time to notice the preacher or to listen to his words, yet many hear and may carry the word to distant villages where the sound of the preacher's voice may never be heard.

SCHOOLS.

Our Bazaar Boys' School was this year raised to teach up to the middle vernacular standard, and a Government grant in aid of 18 rupees per month obtained. In addition to this school we are still carrying out the experiment of aiding indigenous schools and imparting religious instruction. We have this year six such schools, and the progress in secular instruction and religious knowledge is satisfactory under the circumstances. Our two girls' schools are doing well. The High Caste Girls' School was visited by the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal when at Rampore Bauleah, and he seemed pleased with the number, age, and proficiency of the pupils. He was surprised to find that though we gave religious instruction, and charged fees, we had so many children belonging to high caste Hindoo families. Unsolicited, he very generously gave us a handsome donation.

The number of children attending the different schools is as follows:—

Boys' Middle Vernacular School	75	
Damkooru Village Boys' „	32	
Five Circle Village Schools	165	
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Total Boys	272	272
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Girls' High Caste School	32	
„ Low Caste „	30	
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Total Girls	62	62
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Total Boys and Girls	334	334
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ZENANA WORK.

This branch of work has gone on steadily during the year, and the number of pupils has been limited only by our inability to teach more with the present staff. The number of pupils that passed through our

hands during the year was thirty-five, of whom twenty-eight were able to read and write fairly well, and ten were so advanced as to begin the study of English. The number at present on the roll is nineteen. A more detailed account will be found in the April number of 'Our Sisters in Other Lands.'

CHURCH.

Vernacular preaching was carried on every Sabbath morning for the little native Christian community, and a prayer meeting was held every Wednesday evening in one or other of the houses of the native Christians. Bible classes were also held for the men and women of the Mission.

The Europeans in the station have also utilised the church for worship, but owing to the roof being considered unsafe it can no longer be used until repaired. The spiritual condition of the native Christians is still a matter to be mourned over, though some among them are giving more earnest heed to the things which they have heard. One of them had to be dismissed from the Mission, as, after repeated warnings, he persisted in a course of conduct inconsistent with his Christian profession.

This year we have had one death, that of an elderly woman, whose husband died last year. She was not taught before she came to us, being a Roman Catholic, and showed little interest in the things of the kingdom. Her children have been in the Mission for some years, and are among our nominal Christians.

At present the congregation consists of forty-seven members and adherents, nineteen of whom are Europeans.

The congregation may be classified as follows :—

Adult members	10
Adherents	13
Children	24
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D. MORISON.

The above Report of Dr. Morison is so full and so interesting that we feel we should only spoil it by adding anything of our own. This rural Mission in Bengal is a link between our Church and a very extensive district of British India, in which no other Christian Mission exists. Dr. and Mrs. Morison are labouring, in season and out of season, to make known the Saviour of Sinners. We earnestly trust they will have the sympathy and prayers of the Church.

H. M. MATHESON,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 304.]

APPENDIX.

FOURTH REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Truly we may say, 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us;' granting to us the needed Funds, and giving us such workers on the Mission Field as make our hearts to sing for joy. The courage which enables them to go forth among the heathen, demanding surrender to Him who has hitherto been forgotten and defied, can only proceed from that faith which, like Elisha, can see the heavenly host and escort.

And we have to render thanks for the converts who have continued faithful, and who, in obscurity, and amid much obloquy and opposition, have endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

Swatow.—The Report of Miss Ricketts gives a clear and condensed account of the work done by herself and Miss Mellis. The zeal shown by the Bible women, during their first holiday after a few months' training, is a great cause for thankfulness. Without any request or even suggestion from Miss Ricketts, they carried the good news to about seventy villages. The well-attended prayer meetings (of women and girls) are also a most encouraging evidence and earnest of God's blessing. The descriptions given by Miss Mellis, of visits to the country villages, are very interesting, and give hope of a good harvest resulting from the seed sown.

It is a great comfort that the climate has not in the least impaired Miss Mellis's health.

Miss Ricketts has suffered somewhat severely from the great heat, but it is hoped that cooler weather may have been beneficial. As an Association, we feel deeply grateful both to, and for, Miss Ricketts and Miss Mellis.

The girls' school at Swatow is carried on earnestly and successfully by the wives of the missionaries.

Formosa.—The health of the missionaries has been such as to prevent their undertaking to superintend the building of the girls' school at Tai-wan-foo. So this year has been a time of patience and preparation. Very bravely and gently have the disappointment and delay been borne by Mrs. Ritchie and Miss Murray, who have been none the less busily employed that the work, on which their hearts are set, is still in the future. Bible classes, visits to the women in their own homes, and at the hospital, classes for Scriptural and secular instruction, have been carried on earnestly and effectively. The want of quick perception on the part of the children is compensated by their docility, and the progress made is probably more permanent. The Bible class on the Lord's day is attended by about thirty or forty. A very interesting account by Miss Murray of the year's work at Formosa was given in the January number of 'Our Sisters.' We trust and expect that the Girls' School will be begun this autumn, and that before next year we may be able to tell of its completion. The Funds are in hand for this purpose. The needed physical vigour has been vouchsafed to our dear sister, Mrs. Ritchie, and Miss Murray's health is unimpaired.

Amoy.—We have many mercies to record in additional opportunities for work, and gracious provision made to enable us to avail ourselves of them. At the meeting of the Committee in October last, a letter was received from Mrs. Gordon of Amoy, making two requests: that permission be given her to appoint and employ two Biblewomen; and that a lady should come out before the end of the year to aid in the work among women and children hitherto carried on by the wives of the missionaries. It seemed almost impossible to comply with the latter request, in so brief a time. But the Lord had graciously heard our petitions before we offered them, and had prepared the heart of one of His children to be ready and willing to go. Miss Georgina Mac-lagan started for Amoy in November last, and tidings have since been received of her safe arrival.

The Committee have purchased a house and adjoining ground; the former to be a residence for the ladies appointed by the Women's Missionary Association, and the latter as the site of a house for the training of Bible women, which it is hoped may some day be erected.

Rampore Bauleah.—The account given by Mrs. Morison, of the eagerness with which the native ladies welcome the Zenana teacher, is very encouraging. The girls' schools are also prospering. We have hitherto given a yearly grant to this department of the Mission, but we intend taking a further interest in it in the future.

Work at Home.—A special effort was made in April last (1882) to gather Funds to enable the Association to undertake and complete the various buildings necessary. A missionary festival (comprising a sale of work, annual meeting and missionary addresses at stated intervals) was held on April 27 and 28 at the Holborn Hall, London, and was very successful. The kindness, good-will, and sympathy shown were felt to be a precious token of the Lord's favour and blessing. The sale of work was undertaken and carried out by congregations in the London Presbytery; some kind gifts of work being also sent from Belford (Erskine), Grimsby, Manchester, New Barnet, and Shrewsbury. An Annual Missionary Festival was also held at Liverpool with very encouraging results; that in London having the benefit of its experience.

The additions to the list of our Congregational Associations since the last Report was printed have been 19, making a total of 93, viz.:—*Presbytery of Berwick*—Belford: Columba, Erskine; Berwick, Wallace Green.

Presbytery of Birmingham—Nottingham, Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton.

Presbytery of Bristol—Bristol, Cheltenham, Torquay.

Presbytery of Carlisle—Brampton, Haltwhistle, Penrith.

Presbytery of Liverpool—Birkenhead: Grange Road, Hamilton, St. Andrews, Claughton, Chester, Douglas, Rockferry, St. Helens, Southport. Liverpool: Bootle, Canning Street, Egremont, Fairfield, Islington, Princes Road, Queen's Road, Waterloo.

Presbytery of London—Aldershot, Bournemouth, Brighton, Chatham, Eastbourne, Ipswich, Jersey, Lewes, Silverhill, Southampton (St. Andrews). London: Belgrave, Camden Road, Canonbury, Clapham Road, Croydon, Crouch Hill, Ealing, Forest Hill, Greenwich, Hampstead, Highbury, Holybourne, Islington, Kensington, Kings-

ton-on-Thames, Marylebone, New Barnet, Notting Hill, Putney, Regent Square, Richmond, Stepney, Streatham, St. John's Wood, Tooting, Tottenham, Upper Norwood, Wandsworth, Westbourne Grove, Whitfield, Willesden, Wood Green.

Presbytery of Manchester—Blackburn (St. George's), Bolton, Warrington, Wigan. Manchester: Brunswick Street, Coupland Street, Grosvenor Square, Higher Broughton, Longsight, Sale, Trinity Church, Withington. Wharton.

Presbytery of Darlington—St. Andrews, Stockton.

Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne—Hebburn, Howard Street (North Shields), Mile End Road (South Shields).

Presbytery of Northumberland—Bavington, Morpeth, North Middleton, North Sunderland (W. Ch.), Warendorf, Wooler.

The Committee has met on the second Tuesday of each month (except August and September); the unavoidable absence of those members who are prevented by distance from attending is a cause for regret, but we trust that they will remember us in prayer that the needed wisdom may be given.

Whilst acknowledging with gratitude the benefits conferred by the associations already formed, we would again plead with those congregations who have not yet joined us. The minimum annual subscription of one shilling should put it within the power of most of the women of our Church to join us, and it may be that, in some cases, those who can give little are the more constrained to seek His help to whom all power belongs. Two or three such members may, like Jonathan and his armour-bearer, gain a great victory. It is a joy to soothe one grief, or give one hour of gladness. But each year shows us more vividly the preciousness and permanence of the gifts which we may be the means of placing in China's outstretched hand. Sin pardoned; every 'good thing' given; sorrow turned into joy, and pleasures at God's right hand for evermore. The 'home' going of the Bible woman Be-ko, at Amoy, illustrates our Saviour's loving promise: 'If a man keep My saying, he shall never see death.' Her dying words were 'The Saviour will save me. I am miserable only in body; in my soul peace, peace.' 'Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord.'

J. G. ROBERTSON,

Honorary Secretary.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 308.]

V.

REPORT ON THE JEWISH MISSION,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

THE report of our Missionary, the Rev. Theo. J. Meyer, presented to the Committee, in accordance with yearly custom, begins with a suitable reference to the present crisis in opportunities and hopes, as regards the Jewish people. His own words may best be given :—

Scripture leads us to expect, and history confirms the expectation, that an important crisis in the dispensation of God's grace should be always accompanied by great political and social commotions. That we are at present passing through such a period is a fact which no one can deny. The Jews, living, as they do, chiefly among those nations by which those political and social changes are most keenly felt, must of course be greatly affected by them ; and so the Missionary to the Jews, too, must feel the influence of them even in his humble sphere.

It is now about three years ago that the so-called Anti-Semitic agitation began in Germany, to be soon followed by the Russian atrocities against the Jews. The violent and virulent manifestations of the former have ceased, but the fire itself is not extinguished but only smouldering under the ashes. In Russia open persecutions, too, have ceased in the meanwhile, but the condition of the Jews there is anything but satisfactory. If a large number of those persecuted Russian Jews who by the sympathy of Jews and Christians all over the earth were enabled to emigrate to the United States, returned from America to Russia, that merely proves that the social condition of Russia is more congenial to them than that of America ; but it does not prove that there is any guarantee for their security from the repetition of those scenes which filled the whole civilised world with horror. In the meanwhile outbreaks have occurred in the Austrian province of Galicia and in Hungary, which cannot but fill every intelligent observer with serious apprehensions. In Hungary we see not only the obsolete ' blood accusation ' revived, but also—and that is more serious—believed by many, and even acted upon by judicial authorities.

Mr. Meyer goes on to state that these things, while naturally agitating and unsettling the Jewish mind everywhere, had a distinct influence on our own Missionary operations in the East of London. For he writes that—

During the whole of last summer we had the influx of Jewish emigrants from Russia. We met them everywhere in the East, and manifesting a little sympathy, we easily got at their hearts and were able to point out to them

the real cause of all their sufferings, and the only remedy. Our Reading Room, which in other years was, and can be but scantily attended in summer, was last summer filled every evening, and there we could speak better and more fully with them than in the streets, and prove to them that Jesus is indeed the Messiah promised to the fathers, 'exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.' Upon many the Word made a deep impression, and they were anxious to be received as regular inquirers; but for financial and other reasons that was impossible, and we had to be contented to send them on their journey, furnished with New Testaments and Tracts, and accompanied by our prayers.

In the following extract Mr. Meyer describes an auxiliary work which it is only to be regretted should be cast upon himself, though in all missionary labour, as, indeed, in God's providence, the indirect and subsidiary is as valuable as it is needful. The Missionary's report continues:—

As the majority of those Jews who come to our Hall are Russian and Polish Jews who speak and understand a very uncouth jargon only (Judæo-Polish or Judæo-German), in which no literature at all exists, it is of great importance for their religious and social progress that they should be enabled to read and speak English. I became more and more impressed with a sense of this necessity, and I resolved to open a *Class for English Reading and Writing* on three evenings of the week. As an attempt of this kind made several years ago failed by the incompetence of the teacher, I decided to teach that class myself, at any rate in the beginning; and I am happy to be able to state that the attempt has been eminently successful. The class was opened at the beginning of November; and although the attendance is, for many and obvious reasons, not so regular as might be desired, it has remained undiminished from the beginning until now, 12 to 18 every evening (the number on the roll, however, is 38); and those who attended regularly have made good progress. The Bible only is read; and although the explanation must, in the first instance, be grammatical, there is always an opportunity for throwing in some other observations bearing on what we have especially at heart, viz., to lead those men to Christ. Another beneficial result of that class has been to fill the attendants with respect towards the Missionary or the Mission generally, to remove difficulties and objections, and to rouse the spirit of inquiry. The best proof of this is in the fact that one very hopeful inquirer, who is now receiving instruction with a view to baptism, was at one time a violent opponent; and it is to the influence of the class room that his change of mind must be traced. While this year the evening class was tentative only, there is abundant encouragement to make it a permanent department of the Mission.

Mr. Meyer, in his report, proceeds to say that, with the exception of this reading class, the Mission has been worked on the same lines as those followed in previous years, and described in former reports. Adverting first to the Saturday afternoon meetings, which were specially noticed as a new feature of the work two years ago, he expresses the solicitude he entertained lest, at the time of Mr. Caplan's resignation (to be afterwards more particularly noticed), he should find the maintenance of service here beyond his strength. But he records, with gratitude, that he has been enabled to continue these as well as all the other

meetings, and with a regularity having only one day's exception, through indisposition, to be present at them and give the address.

In regard to those other meetings, adverted to in former reports, this is the Missionary's gratifying statement :—

All our *meetings* were uninterruptedly carried on, and never were they so well attended. The meetings on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, which are intended for Jews exclusively (converted and unconverted) were often inconveniently crowded, and although a certain amount of discussion is permitted, were always very orderly. Our prayer meeting on Wednesday evening was attended on an average by 30 persons, while at the evangelistic meeting on Sunday afternoon, the Hall was, as a rule, quite full. Even at the two last-mentioned meetings, the majority, often two-thirds, of the audience consisted of Jews. The solemnity and earnestness prevailing at these meetings always make a deep impression on the Jews. Once at the close of a prayer meeting a Jew, with whom previously I had had a keen discussion, came up to me, and seizing my hand, said to me in Hebrew, 'Now I know that thou art a man fearing God.'

In what follows from Mr. Meyer's report, the Committee feel that there is matter for the earnest consideration of the Synod. In what way temporal assistance can be given to the Jew willing to confess Christ, even at the expense of leaving all, without holding out a lure or bribe to insincere profession, is a question difficult to solve. But it presses urgently, in connection with our work among Israel's poor ones. Mr. Meyer, entitled to speak strongly from long and painful experience, thus puts the case :—

That the number of *inquirers*, too, should have been greater in the past year than in preceding ones is only what is to be expected from the increased attendance at the reading room and meetings. I did not put down as *inquirers* the many Russian Jews with whom, in the course of last summer, I had two, three, or more conversations. The spiritual condition of some of them was exceedingly interesting and promising, and I was sorry to part with them. But they were bound for America, and it was impossible to keep them here, and I am sure that in some of them the good seed will not be trodden under foot, but yet bring forth fruit. Recent experience has strengthened my belief in the truth of the Divine Word, 'Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days.' The number of those who received regular instruction with a view to baptism was 53. Of them 9 still remain under instruction. A number of the 44 remaining ones withdrew when they found out that their expectations of temporal advantages to be obtained were not to be fulfilled. Such I see go away without much regret. Others left me with a sad heart, and I too felt sorrow on account of their leaving, for they were really anxious for their souls, but they could not find employment here to maintain themselves. I have been gladdened to hear that six of them have, in the course of the year, been baptised elsewhere. Even of some of the remaining 38, I have reason to hope well, and I trust that, by-and-by, the seed sown will yet bear fruit. There are no doubt also invisible results of the teaching, preaching, and testifying, which cannot be tabulated and expressed in numbers, but which nevertheless are not less real, and perhaps even weigh heavier in the sight of God than the few baptisms just spoken of. The Committee, however, may well ask, Why is it that even those six were not baptised by myself, but by other Missionaries or Ministers? It may be that my standard

is too high, and that I expect too much of my converts. If so, it is an error on the safe side. I have, however, never withheld, nor shall ever withhold the water when I see that the Spirit has been operating; but, on the other hand, I cannot see that I am entitled to baptise when all that I can see is an intellectual assent to the Messiahship of Christ, and to the general truths of the Gospel, but nothing of the fruit of the Spirit. Jewish impatience, however, rebels against a prolonged trial, and often, therefore, I must see hopeful inquirers go away and apply in quarters where they hope to meet with less difficulty. But there are in addition external difficulties which I have found it impossible to overcome. I spoke of them more fully in my last year's Report, and need not now repeat what I then said. A Mission to the Jews is incomplete and hampered, if it is not connected with industrial institutions in which the converts are educated for Christian society, and enabled to earn their bread in the sweat of their brow. Cast off by their former co-religionists, and having either not learned at all any trade that is carried on by Christians, or learned it in such a manner as not to fit in into an ordinary workshop in this country, starvation stares in the face of a poor Jewish convert. And what can the missionary do for him in this respect? And yet it is to the missionary *who baptised him* that he comes, not only in his spiritual difficulties, but also in all his temporal troubles. *Christian* people in this country have during the past year sent *unconverted* Jews to Palestine to form there agricultural colonies; can nothing similar be done for *converted* Jews? This policy of sending them to Palestine may be questionable; but our duty to help our converts to earn their daily bread cannot be questioned. I beg most respectfully to recommend this subject to the prayerful consideration of the Committee.

The extract which follows will excite sympathy with the Missionary, at once in his joy over returned wanderers, and in his satisfaction that almost all of his spiritual children continue to walk in the truth, while it shows with what loving care he watches for their well-being:—

With those of my *converts* who have settled in London I keep up my connection, and they, too, frequently come to the Hall, which they look upon as their spiritual birthplace. With a goodly number of those who have left London, I remain in correspondence. I am happy to be able to report that almost all of them walk worthy of their high vocation, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour, and that some of them are even burning and shining lights. Last year I was mourning over two backsliders who had left their first love; I have had the happiness of seeing them, in answer to prayer, repent and return to their first love.

The *Convener* and other members of the Committee who were present at the Annual Meeting of the Mission, saw in the dense and interested throng that filled the Hall—a place, indeed, ‘too strait’ for them—more than enough to warrant the Missionary to ask all friends of the Mission to raise with him ‘their Ebenezer, and, thanking the Lord who has hitherto helped us, take courage and go forward.’

‘To do so,’ Mr. Meyer’s report concludes:

We have every encouragement, not only in the blessing which the Lord has been pleased to vouchsafe to our humble efforts, but chiefly in His Word, in which by all possible motives and inducements He stirs us up to pray and exert ourselves on behalf of His ancient people still beloved for the fathers’ sake, and assures us that our labour shall not be in vain, but that yet ‘all Israel shall be saved.’ And although we may not be

able to fix the exact time when that great event shall take place, we may boldly say that the day of Israel's redemption is drawing nigh. The fulness of the Gentiles is being gathered in,—Rabbinism is either dead or dying;—the attempts at reforming Rabbinical or Orthodox Judaism have hitherto signally failed;—by the events of the last three years Israel has been awakened out of its false security and delusions, and has been forced to reconsider its position towards the nations and the Christian Church. They are now seeking, not exactly knowing, what? As a nation they may not yet be ready to receive Christ; but they are more easily approached and more ready to listen than ever. Let us avail ourselves of this favourable season; this 'day of visitation.'

Your Committee, from the Report of your Missionary, of which the foregoing extracts are part, and from the Minutes of the Executive in London, are satisfied that the work of the Mission has been patiently and faithfully carried on throughout the year. They feel persuaded that if in the mere form of the baptism of converts there has been less appearance of results, there has never been sowing of the seed of the word more hopeful in its character, or in a wider field. Access to the Jewish people has been easier and ampler, and there seems to be something in the providential dispensation of the times betokening that element in the springtime which the poet of the seasons describes as 'the softening air.' Your Committee trust that it may prove the herald of the time of revival and restoration to the people, which, as regards the mass of the nation, have long been as trees stripped of their foliage, in the death of winter. The words of the 'Song of Songs' have meaning, at once earlier and later, wider and deeper, in reference to the whole Church of the redeemed, but it may be hoped that in relation to the Jewish people they are ere long to have fulfilment: 'My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; and the time of the singing of birds is come.'

Our last Report made frequent mention of the varied services of Mr. Caplan, as Mr. Meyer's assistant. The Committee have now to report that shortly after last meeting of Synod Mr. Caplan was led to tender his resignation, in view of prosecuting studies in order to the occupation of a higher sphere in missionary work. The Committee felt themselves shut up to acquiesce in this retirement from his relation to their missionary, and to sanction Mr. Meyer's endeavours to secure the services of some other suitable person to aid in his work. Mr. Mark Polan, one of his own converts, and a member of one of our London churches, in which he had won confidence and esteem, having been communicated with, was willing to enter on trial, with the approval of the Committee, and during some six months has proved himself a humble earnest worker. The Committee have been enabled to sanction his continuance as Mr. Meyer's assistant, at a modest salary. In his 'simplicity and godly sincerity' and devotedness to the work laid to his hand, the Committee, at once from the testimony of the minister of the Church with which he was connected, and that of the missionary with whom he has been labouring, have entire confidence.

The Synod, in its finding in regard to the Report submitted last

meeting, expressed the hope that the Committee might 'feel warranted in the course of the year to prepare some wise proposal to be submitted to next (*i.e.* the present) meeting of Synod for the extension of the Mission either at home or abroad.' Your Committee have not been forgetful of this expression of desire on the part of the Synod. At an early period in the ecclesiastical year they referred the question of the expansion of the Mission to a Sub-Committee of their number, from whom they received a careful report. In the course of their consideration of the question, some other suggestions and proposals were brought out, and the present state of the matter may be thus indicated.

Of Continental fields open to us, the most eligible appears to be Czernowitz, but inquiries have been instituted in regard to others, more particularly in reference to Rome.

The Committee have had their attention directed through an early and warm friend of our Jewish Mission to the desirableness of establishing, somewhere in Palestine, a Medical Mission, having in the foreground work among the Jews, while ready to exercise its beneficent and Christian influence among other classes of the population. This idea has been very favourably entertained by your Committee, and they hope that inquiries they have been prosecuting may shortly ripen into some definite enterprise to be commended to the support of the Church.

Your Committee have also had placed before them the idea of a Jewish Mission to be jointly sustained by the United Presbyterian Church and our own. The suggestion, made originally by the Foreign Mission Secretary of the former body, has been received with interest and favour both by your Committee and by the United Presbyterian Mission Board. It is not necessarily an alternative to the proposal of a Medical Mission in the East, as this might be the form of joint agency approved of. Should the correspondence now opened on the subject lead to the preparation of a scheme to be laid before the two Churches, it will be formed after due consideration of the field of labour, and of other connected questions. In the meantime your Committee feel persuaded that advance in one or other or both the directions indicated would appeal hopefully to the sympathy and liberality of our Christian people.

Your Committee, in conclusion, are happy to be able to state that, in response to the appeal made in the Report of last year, there has been a gratifying increase in congregational contributions for the year. By means of this increase, combined with considerable reduction in the expenditure incurred, the balance in the condition of the funds—as will be seen from the statement of accounts—has been transferred from the debit to the credit side. No anxiety needs now be felt as to the efficient maintenance of our present Missionary work, but the hour has surely come for progress onwards, which your Committee cannot doubt would be sustained by augmented zeal and liberality on the part of our people. The aspect of the times appears to beckon us on, and calls for increased earnestness in prayer that at length the set time for Israel's redemption

may be come—when the branches, outcast and scattered and withered, may be gathered by Him who gives life to the dead, and grafted in again to the olive tree, from which they were broken through unbelief. ‘And so all Israel shall be saved; as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.’

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

JOHN EDMOND,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under ‘Accounts of the Church,’ p. 297.]

VI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTERCOURSE WITH OTHER CHURCHES, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

WE have long asked that a door of entrance for the Gospel might be opened in the various countries of Europe. Within the last twelve years that prayer has been signally answered. With slight limitations, it may be said that everywhere the evangelist and colporteur may enter. In many places they receive an eager welcome. It may fairly be asked whether those who have seen their desire granted far beyond their expectation, have realised the responsibility thus thrown upon them. Were there to be a large work of conversion to Christ in the old countries of European civilisation, the effect would be felt upon every shore on earth. While, therefore, the Church of Christ must relax no effort to preach the Gospel to all nations, its zeal is in special need of rekindling as regards the nominally Christian lands at our own door. The fact that there are native evangelical churches in these countries tends perhaps to keep us inactive. But when it is remembered that these native evangelical churches and evangelistic agencies are for the most part small when viewed beside the great populations among which they labour, we should feel called upon to render all the help which Christian brethren can lend in the urgent and hopeful work of winning Europe for the Master.

In *France* the thirst for the Gospel continues. Meetings are eagerly attended, and the people listen with interest and wonder to the simple message of salvation not by works but by grace, and join gladly in the lively Gospel hymns, which are so new a feature in Roman Catholic countries. Mr. McAll's Mission pursues its steady course of extension, not only in Paris, but throughout France. It has sustained a heavy loss in the sudden removal by death of the able and devoted Rev. G. T. Dodds. The visit of Messrs. Moody and Sankey to Paris has been the means of stirring up the faith and zeal of not a few, and of gaining the ear of many who were strangers to the Gospel. But while such efforts are successfully put forth by strangers, it is cheering to know that activity is increasing on the part of the native churches. One of their number writes thus: 'Every church in Paris has its band of workers,—more preventive perhaps than aggressive, but visiting and acting upon the members and their surroundings.' The Evangelical Society of France, which is wholly undenominational, and whose object is to propagate the Gospel throughout France, completes its course of fifty years' usefulness on the 24th of April 1883. Its friends desire to celebrate the jubilee by raising the sum of £10,000 to enable the Society to meet the spiritual wants of the country, and to enter upon large fields which are

waiting to be evangelised. In the midst, however, of all this Christian activity, it is impossible to shut our eyes to the fact that the spirit of atheism is widespread, that multitudes having lost all faith in the superstitions of Rome, have found as yet no other hope. The spectacle was a melancholy one of three hundred thousand people flocking around the grave of the gifted Gambetta in Père-la-Chaise, without seeing or hearing anything suggestive of life or hope beyond the tomb.

In *Belgium* the 'Christian Missionary Church' pursues its quiet path of usefulness. In many a sequestered hamlet the glad tidings have been joyfully received, and the changed lives of the converts afford a powerful argument in favour of the truth. It would appear that did the resources of the Church permit, they might advantageously extend their operations on every side. It is matter of warm congratulation that a heavy debt, which for some years has weighed upon the brave and self-sacrificing Church, has by a vigorous effort in Belgium, Holland, England, and elsewhere, been cleared off during the past year. It will be cause of sorrow to many here, to learn that the venerable Pastor Anet, who has been so long the general secretary of his church, and who has so frequently attended the Synod of our own Church, has for some time past been more or less laid aside from the duties which have been to him a labour of love.

In *Spain* the work makes gradual progress. The tendency is to an increase of religious toleration, though there is still throughout the country a bigoted party who would crush out the Gospel if they had the power; they have much more influence for evil in the rural districts than in the towns. A new Station has been opened at Rubi, in Catalonia, and is spoken of as full of hope. In Andalusia and Murcia in the South of Spain, the interest is maintained. The work is wisely and economically conducted.

Operations in *Portugal* are encouraging, but are in some danger of suffering from the loss of some good subscriptions and the failure to secure in America the amount of help anticipated for extending the work.

Italy continues to afford one of the most fruitful fields of evangelisation in Europe. Rome is the scene of the labours of a large number of churches and societies, so large and varied in fact, that to the eyes of Romanists there is the appearance of seriously divided plan and effort. Not only are the great centres, like Florence, Milan, and Venice, occupied, but over the whole country it may be said the Gospel-net is drawn. In Sicily a variety of useful agencies is in operation. The small but venerable Church of the Waldenses has at work three times as many evangelists in Italy as it has pastors in the valleys. To maintain this great work, of course reliance has to be placed upon the sympathetic and generous aid of Protestants in other lands. The Free Italian Church pursues a similar course with encouraging success. There is room for very bright hope in reference to the steady progress of the Gospel in the land which has so long been the seat of the Papacy.

In *Germany* the struggle is somewhat keenly continued between the 'Orthodox' and the 'Liberal' party. There are not wanting tokens of encouragement; but in the land of Luther, under the rule of a Protestant

Emperor, larger results might have been looked for, and the patience of God's children is not a little tried.

In *Austria* the progress of religious liberty is of slower growth than in other lands. The impulse given to the Martyr-Churches of Bohemia and Moravia by the celebration in the previous year of the centenary of the Edict of Toleration, continues to be felt, and the Protestants of these lands grow in the estimation of their Roman Catholic neighbours.

In *Brittany* a work of evangelisation is carried on by the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church, and with the view at once of aiding this effort among the Bretons, and of co-operating with the sister Church which conducts it, a small grant has this year been made to the fund which is devoted to that object.

It seems desirable to call attention to a seasonable letter, 'in name of the Presbytery of Italy,' from the pen of the Rev. J. Gordon Gray, of Rome. While commending the loyalty to the truth which they believe, and the church to which they belong, of many Presbyterian and other travellers on the continent, he laments that a different course is followed by not a few. 'Leaving home,' he says, 'for the Continent, with a very limited period at their disposal, they are strongly tempted to press the Sabbath as well as every week-day into the one occupation of sight-seeing. . . . What pains us most is that not a few of those who at home are most attentive to religious duties, are found, in altered circumstances, throwing off all restraint, and ignoring both God's day and God's house. . . . The converts in the young evangelical churches, now wakening up to the great importance of a right observance of the Sabbath, are shaken in their newly-found faith, when they observe professing Christians from Bible lands forsaking their churches and forgetting the Sabbaths of the Lord; the hands of pastors and evangelists are greatly weakened, while the cause of vital religion is most seriously hindered. Nor does the evil stop even here. A habit comes to be formed on the Continent, which reacts on the Church-life at home.' These are weighty words, and deserve the serious consideration of all travellers from our own Church. Let us show loyalty to the Gospel and to the Church to which we are attached, abroad as well as at home. Surely the least we can do for our Master, while on the Continent, is to throw no discouragement in the way of faithful pastors and native converts, who are struggling into the light and liberty of the Gospel amid great disadvantages. Want of consideration lies much at the root of this evil. Your Committee cordially commend to the members of our Church the appeal of the Italian Presbytery.

Your Committee have much pleasure in calling attention to the accounts for Continental work from which it appears that there is a considerable advance in the amount raised. It is with even greater satisfaction that your Committee find that the number of congregations contributing to this fund continues to increase. They are satisfied that nothing is needed to secure returns from all, but the spread of information, and the concentration of attention on the great work being done on the Continent, with an efficiency and economy which are nowhere surpassed. Our Church should certainly yield a much more liberal share of help to the faithful and struggling Protestants of the Continent.

The following grants have been made by the Committee from the collections made in 1882 :—

	£	s.	d.
BELGIUM :—			
Christian Missionary Church of Belgium .	60	0	0
FRANCE :—			
Evangelical Society of France	40	0	0
Evangelical Society of Geneva	40	0	0
Evangelistic Work of the Union of the Free Churches	25	0	0
Mr. McAll's Mission	25	0	0
ITALY :—			
The Free Church of Italy	30	0	0
Waldensian Church Mission	50	0	0
SPAIN :—			
Spanish Evangelisation Society	50	0	0
PORTUGAL :—			
Lisbon Mission (by the Rev. R. Stewart) .	20	0	0
BOHEMIA :—			
Bohemian and Moravian Evangelisation .	40	0	0
BRITTANY :—			
Evangelistic Work of the Church of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists	10	0	0
	390	0	0

The Deputies appointed to attend the Belgian and Waldensian Synods were unfortunately prevented by domestic trial and other urgent circumstances from fulfilling their appointments. Letters were, in these circumstances, sent by the Convener to both Synods. As appointed, the Deputies to the Free Church of Scotland conveyed the cordial greetings of this Church, and were warmly received. The General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church was approached by a letter signed by the Moderator and Clerk. This year the Free Church Assembly will be approached by letter, and the Irish Presbyterian Assembly by deputation. There has been some correspondence with the Continental Committee of the Free Church of Scotland in reference to co-operation on the part of our Church with theirs in maintaining one or more of the Stations for English-speaking travellers. The Committee respectfully ask leave from the Synod to enter upon such an arrangement should the way be made plain.

It is the duty of the Committee to remind the Synod that the consideration of the matter of 'Evangelistic agencies outside the Church,' brought before them by the Federal Council, was deferred till the present meeting.

In name of the Committee,

R. H. LUNDIE,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church'—Continental Missions Fund, p. 309.]

LETTER FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND.

To the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England.

BELOVED BRETHREN,—We feel sincere pleasure in conveying to you the salutations of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and our best wishes for your continued prosperity and success. We realise the great importance, and at the same time the difficulty of your position, in the presence of an overshadowing Prelatic Establishment, and of other churches less scriptural than yours, but having a far more numerous membership. We thank God that in such circumstances there is in England a Presbyterian Church to testify on behalf of the good old Calvinistic system of doctrine, which is so clearly and ably set forth in our common Westminster Standards, and of the divine and simple form of worship and government which was so dear to your martyred fathers and ours. We trust the day is coming, when, through your efforts, under the blessing of God, many of the people among whom you dwell will return to the faith which Englishmen so wisely formulated in the Jerusalem chamber, almost two centuries and a half ago; and that the dream of uniformity throughout these three kingdoms on the basis of those standards, which their authors cherished, may yet be realised.

During the past year, amidst much civil distraction, there has been comparative peace within the bounds of our Church, and we have reason to thank God for considerable spiritual prosperity. Many tokens of the Lord's saving presence have been enjoyed by us. Though we have been warned by the death of many fathers and brethren—some of whom were among our most prominent and devoted ministers—that the time is short and the night cometh, we have been cheered by considering the end of their conversation. Our various missionary enterprises at home and abroad have been prosecuted with earnestness and some measure of success. But on the other hand, our hearts have been cast down by the state of our unhappy country. Outrage and murder have stained its annals, and the ruthless assassinations which have been perpetrated in our midst have sent a thrill of horror through the civilised world, and fixed its attention upon Ireland. It is matter for thankfulness that no member of our communion has been mixed up with any of the deeds of disloyalty or blood; and that at length the law is vindicating its authority, and criminals are being taught that, though they may have a temporary impunity, there is verily a God that judgeth in the earth, who will bring to light the hidden things of darkness. We trust the revelations which have been made will open the eyes of all, and especially of statesmen, to the demoralising influence of that apostate church which has long held so many of our countrymen in bondage; and that we and other Christians will be stimulated to make more strenuous

and prayerful efforts for the evangelisation of Ireland. We are satisfied that the Gospel of Jesus Christ, kindly and lovingly presented to her inhabitants, and pressed affectionately upon their acceptance, is the true remedy for the evils which afflict our unhappy country.

We regret exceedingly that it is proposed to establish Denominational Colleges for the training of teachers in connection with our excellent system of National Education. We fear this concession to the insatiable demands of the Romish Hierarchy must logically lead to the introduction of the denominational system into the schools. We have already laid our protest against the proposal before His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; and, should we find it expedient to carry our opposition further, we may be under the necessity of applying for aid to the friends of National, as distinguished from Denominational education, both in England and Scotland.

We pray, dear brethren, that the King of Zion may preside in your approaching meeting and guide all your deliberations; and that He may bless you still more and more in every work of faith and labour of love in which you engage.

We remain, beloved brethren, yours in the Lord.

Signed, in the name and by the authority of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland,

T. Y. KILLEN, D.D., *Moderator.*

JOHN H. ORR, *Clerk.*

Assembly's Offices, 12 May Street, Belfast,
April 25th, 1883.

VII.

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE AND SCHOOLS
COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

I. THE session was opened on October 9, 1882, with an address on Bishop Butler by the Reverend Principal Chalmers, and carried on with only the usual holiday at Christmas, and less than the usual break at Easter, till it was closed on April 20. The Resident Professor, who is immediately in charge of the house, reports respecting the good order of the students and their attention to their duties as follows:

‘The condition of the household during Session 1882–3 has been on the whole satisfactory. The rules have been well observed, and the students have been most diligent in study. The work done by the Societies—the Theological and the Missionary—has been valuable. I feel that these societies do much to stimulate intellectual and moral life in the College, and to interest the students in theological literature and in missionary work at home and abroad.’

II. The number of students in attendance during the Session has been twenty-three, distributed in the following manner:—

<i>First Year.</i>	<i>Second Year.</i>	<i>Third Year.</i>
William Allan	John W. Black	Wm. A. S. Croall
Hugh S. Anderson, M.A.	Walter C. Blount	*Wm. E. Crothers
*Ebenezer Black	Thomas F. Darroch	†Edward Ekin, M.A.
Dugald S. McCallum	Peter A. Milne	Alexander C. Kettle
David M. McIntyre	Edward Ross, M.A.	*Alexander McClellan
*James Peddie, B.A.	*George Samuel, M.A.	Francis Slade
*Thomas O. Scott, M.A.	James A. G. Stirling	
	*George M. Storrar, B.A.	
	William A. M. Thomson	
	Thomas L. Turnbull	

Nine men in all went up for the Entrance Examination last October, two of whom failed to pass; while of the seven admitted, the three whose names are asterisked above passed with Honours. All of those admitted on this occasion were University men.

Besides the Entrance Examination for first year's men, the new rule

* Passed with Honours.

† Of the Irish Presbyterian Church.

came into operation which requires students to pass a Board Examination at the commencement of their second and third Sessions. All the men of those years (except one who was ill) went up for this examination, and all passed; two in each year with Honours, who are likewise distinguished in the list with an asterisk.

Seven gentlemen completed their curriculum in the spring of last year, and shortly after they all took licence, with the exception of Mr. Middlemiss, who is still prosecuting study on the Continent. Of those who did so, it is extremely gratifying to be able to report that no fewer than five have since been ordained as ministers within our own Church, and will therefore sit in the Synod this year: the Rev. G. S. Goodman, of Walker; the Rev. W. MacCraith, of New John Street, Birmingham; the Rev. Alex. Smith, of Darenth; the Rev. W. M. Smith, of Holderness Road, Hull; and the Rev. W. Marcus, of Aberdare. A sixth, Mr. J. L. Morrow, M.A., who is a licentiate of a sister church, has declined two calls, to Scarborough and to Chester. This result of a single year's experience is calculated to strengthen the confidence of the Church at large in her theological training school.

Through the kindness of friends of the College, an Elocution Class has been carried on during the past Session; and by another anonymous benefactor a prize is to be offered annually for the next five years for the best essay (to be composed during the summer vacation) on some prescribed topic connected with the evangelistic work of the Church. The subject selected for the present summer is 'The Evangelistic Labours of the Apostle Paul, and their Lessons as to the Matter and Methods of Evangelistic Preaching in the Present Day.'

III. The following Scholarships were awarded by competition as the result of the Examinations held in October last:—

A.—UNDERGRADUATE.

The McKerrow, £20 ... Mr. E. H. E. Franks, Wigan.

B.—THEOLOGICAL.

First Year.

The Muter, £30 ... Mr. Thomas O. Scott, M.A., Berwick-on-Tweed.

The Newcastle, £25 ... Mr. James Peddie, B.A., Manchester.

[Mr. Ebenezer Black was second, but as he could not take a scholarship the Newcastle was given to Mr. Peddie, who was third.]

Second Year.

The Gillespie, £50 ... Mr. George Samuel, M.A.

The Muter, £30 ... Mr. George M. Storrar, B.A.

Third Year.

The Muter, £30 ... Mr. Crothers.

Ordinary, £20 ... Mr. McClellan.

IV. The question of a gradual and periodical renewal of the Board of Examination has recently occupied the attention of the Committee.

It is desirable to introduce fresh members from time to time; but it is obvious that this should be done with the utmost care to select thoroughly competent and suitable examiners, and ought not to be done so frequently as to endanger the continuous and steady action of the Board from year to year. The following are the suggestions which, after deliberation both by a large Sub-Committee and at quarterly meetings, it was agreed to recommend for adoption by the Synod:—

1. That the Board consist of eight examining members, besides the official members and a Chairman and Secretary.
2. That one of these eight retire each year.
3. That retiring members be open to re-election after an interval of two years.
4. That the Synod shall appoint members to fill up vacancies on the Board on the recommendation of the Board itself.
5. That the members of the Board shall be ex-officio members of the College Committee, without prejudice to the number provided for by the rules of the Church.

V. Your Committee deemed it due to the services and memory of the late revered Dr. James Anderson of Morpeth, that a special minute should be inserted on their permanent record, acknowledging his long interest in the College, his warm support of it during its early years of difficulty, and the scholarships he was the means of founding, as well as his vigorous and sustained advocacy of the Synod's Day Schools, which are likewise under the care of your Committee. They feel that his name deserves to be held in lasting recollection within the walls of the College, as one of its earliest and most honoured benefactors.

VI. *Finance*.—The Fund for the Better Endowment of the College, which was reported to last Synod as in a forward condition, may be said now to be practically closed. Aided by £1,000 from the Thanksgiving Fund, the subscriptions have reached £13,758, a little over the sum indicated at the outset: and, although a few friends who preferred to pay in yearly instalments have not yet paid up all their subscriptions, no further donations will for the present be solicited. The amount actually paid up is £13,408. Since this result was reached, one ready and liberal friend to the College, Mr. Sinclair, of Liverpool, has offered a donation of £100 (in stock) as the beginning of a special fund for the endowment of the Library. That important branch in the equipment of a Theological College has fared very badly of late years from the crippled state of our revenue; and although we are at present in improved circumstances, it is unwise to leave a library which ought by judicious annual acquisitions to be kept abreast of recent theological literature, to depend entirely on what can be spared from more obvious and clamant demands. If a sum of at least £500 were capitalised in its behoof, it would be possible to meet the most necessary outlay for binding, for serials, and for a few indispensable volumes, without trenching on general income. In gratefully accepting Mr. Sinclair's gift, therefore, the Committee invite the attention of other friends willing and able to co-operate for this object.

The balance-sheet for the year ending December 31, 1882, shows on

the whole a balance in our favour of £211 14s. 1d. The year has of course been financially one of transition, on the experience of which it is unsafe to build conclusions. The income from new endowments came partially, but only partially, into the Treasurer's hands; on the other side, the fourth chair being still unfilled, the expenditure for salaries has not reached what is henceforth to be its normal level. Were it otherwise, some misgiving might be awakened by the serious falling off all over the Presbyteries in the amount of the annual collection. As compared with the previous year, the amounts sent show a falling off of £125; a decrease due to some general cause, since it is spread pretty equally over all the Presbyteries except two. Your Committee hope that it has only arisen from knowing that the present would be a year of increased revenue, with no corresponding increase in expenditure. If it indicated that congregations meant *for the future* to lean more than heretofore upon the endowment the College has received, it would be a fact of serious import. It will henceforth be in our power to maintain, with due economy, the full number of professorial chairs; but only on the understanding that the annual collection does not fall beneath the highest point it has hitherto reached.

SCHOOLS.

I. The following is the list of grants which it has been in the power of your Committee under the regulations to make for the current year :—

	£	s.	d.
Aston Tirrold	10	0	0
Bavington	15	0	0
Branton	10	0	0
Crookham	11	0	0
Falstone	11	10	0
Horncliffe	15	0	0
Hott	12	0	0
Keildar	10	0	0
Risley	12	0	0
Tweedmouth	17	10	0
Wharton (Mixed)	10	0	0
Wharton (Infants)	10	0	0
	144	0	0

showing in all £144 voted as ordinary grants to 12 schools, besides £7 7s. 6d. as extra capitation grants to 3 schools.

II. The day school at Ancroft Moor was, to the regret of your Committee, closed last May, chiefly from the difficulty of obtaining adequate funds for its maintenance. This step was taken before your Committee became aware that it was in contemplation; but they at once put themselves in communication with the Presbytery of Berwick, at whose instance explanations were offered of the circumstances of the case, such as left your Committee no alternative but to acquiesce with reluctance. Against this may be set off the opening of a new school at Edenbridge, Kent, in the Presbytery of London. There is no

prospect of a School Board being formed in that agricultural district, and already our school has an encouraging attendance of 64 children.

III. The Schools' Collection was made in September as usual, and the balance in the Treasurer's hands when the year closed was £219 7s. 2d. It will be recollected that last Synod instructed all the five Presbyteries of the Church in which our schools are situated to send to your Committee their views in regard to some other method than that of an annual collection for providing these schools with the grants in aid which they require. All those Presbyteries, except Newcastle, made such a return; but no plan suggested appeared to find general support. It has been urged by several representatives from the districts most concerned, that some well-known minister or elder resident in the north of England should be appointed to give special and close attention to the interests of the schools, possibly as convener of a Schools' Sub-Committee, or else as Chairman of a local Committee to be jointly named by the northern Presbyteries. This suggestion appears to your Committee well worthy of consideration; and were this done it is probable that a little more local interest might be awakened and more support elicited in the parts of the country where the bulk of our schools exist. On the whole, however, your Committee do not see their way to discontinue such aid from the Church at large as a general collection affords, and after consideration they are disposed to concur in a suggestion communicated to them on the part of the Higher Instruction Committee, viz., that the Day Schools be detached from this Committee, and placed under the care of a Committee (embracing also Sunday Schools and Higher Instruction) to be called 'The Committee on the Instruction of Youth.'

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,'—College, p. 310; Schools, p. 318.]

VIII.
REPORT OF THE COLLEGE TRUSTEES,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

THE four new Trustees—

MESSRS. R. T. TURNBULL,
ROBERT WALES,
JOHN A. SWANSTON,
ROBERT MORTON—

have accepted their appointments made at last meeting of Synod.

With much thankfulness the Trustees have to report that, owing to the liberal response made to the zealous and self-denying efforts of Dr. Dykes, they have received the large sum of £13,358 1s. in aid of the Endowment Fund, as well as £34 from the Thanksgiving Fund.

The London Joint Stock Bank, the Union Bank of London, and the Imperial Bank, in each of which they hold shares, have become Limited Liability Banks. In making this change the first two have enlarged their capital by the issue of new shares, and the Trustees have taken up the number of each to which they are entitled. Notwithstanding this change in the constitution of these banks, the Trustees feel that such investments are not the most desirable for a public trust, and they have it in contemplation to change the investments.

The investments, including those of the new Endowment Fund, are as follows, standing—

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
CHARLES GRAHAM SCOTT,
WILLIAM BALLANTYNE,

£4,000 London and North-Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£3,600 Great Western Railway 5 per Cent. Consolidated Preference Stock.

£1,965 Great Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
HUGH MACKAY MATHESON,
CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS,

£1,200 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway 4½ per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£1,000 Great Northern Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
WILLIAM BALLANTYNE,

52 Shares in the Imperial Bank.

39 Shares in the London Joint-Stock Bank.

65 Shares in the Union Bank of London.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS,

£5,000 Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Railway and Dock Company 4½ per Cent. Debenture Bonds.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
ROBERT WALES,
ROBERT MORTON,

£1,000 Caledonian Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£1,000 South-Eastern Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£1,000 Midland Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£2,060 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£1,000 Great Eastern Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 311.]

IX.

REPORT OF THE SENATUS OF THE
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883

THE following Report is submitted of the College Work carried on during the session of 1882-83.

Rev. Principal Chalmers, D.D.

DIVINITY.

Apologetics.—With the students of the first year, in the earlier part of the session, using as text-books Dr. James Buchanan's 'Faith in God, and Modern Atheism,' and Dr. Hodge's 'Systematic Theology' (Part I., On Theism), I have gone over the main topics in NATURAL THEOLOGY; carefully examined and vindicated the Theistic argument; dealt at length with the various Anti-theistic theories (Pantheism, Materialism, Positivism, Secularism, &c.); and ended by showing the difficulties and desiderata of Natural Theology, and the possibility and probability of a supernatural revelation. The latter part of the session has been occupied with the subject of *Christian Evidence*, and the proofs of the Divine Origin of Christianity. Here the first place has been assigned to the Internal or Moral Evidence, especially that furnished by the character, teaching, and influence of Christ, as being facts under every man's eye, which any one may verify for himself, and which cannot be rationally accounted for without recognising the supernatural and Divine. The External or Historical Evidence has next been taken up; the genuineness and authenticity of the Gospel history established, with reference to modern theories in regard to the origin of the Christian documents; the general question of miracles discussed; and the miracle of our Lord's resurrection in particular examined, and the evidence furnished by it for the truth of Christianity displayed. The students are frequently examined orally on the subjects of lecture, and on prescribed portions of the text-books, and occasionally by written papers.

Systematic Theology.—With the students of the second and third years, I have gone over the first part of Systematic Theology, in a course of some seventy lectures, interspersed with examinations; and I have thus carefully discussed the following subjects: The Doctrine of God—His attributes; the Divine Decrees; Creation; Providence; the Doctrine

of Man—his origin, nature, and the condition in which he was created, with special reference to modern speculations on some of these topics. The Doctrine of Sin has undergone full investigation—the nature of sin; its entrance into the world in the fall of man: its guilt and punishment; its propagation; the universal depravity of the race; and its connection with the first transgression. Before the session closed I had entered on the Doctrine of Salvation, and adduced the proof for the Supreme Divinity of the Saviour. The text-books used are Dr. Hodge's Systematic, and Dr. Cunningham's Historical Theology; the latter, however, only by occasional reference.

I had much reason to be satisfied with the conduct of the students, especially of the seniors.

Rev. Professor Graham, D.D.

CHURCH HISTORY AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY.

As I have reported more fully the work of this session to the Synod's Visitation Committee, I shall give here its chief points only. I have been occupied during the greater part of this session in the Senior and Junior Classes with the First Three Centuries of Early Church History, and in Modern Church History, and mainly that of our own country, with the period from Puritanism to the Disruption of 1843. Some lectures on Preaching have been given; and oral and written examinations have added to the variety, and, it is hoped, the efficiency of teaching in the classes. I can report very favourably on the earnestness, industry, and progress of the students.

Rev. Professor Gibb.

NEW TESTAMENT EXEGESIS.

In the Senior Class I read the Epistle to the Romans, and a portion of the Epistle to the Hebrews. I also delivered a course of lectures on the Life and Writings of the Apostle Paul. A short course on the Criticism of the text of the New Testament was also addressed to the Senior Class. The students performed with great care and in a very satisfactory manner the exegetical exercises which were prescribed to them. In the Junior Class a portion of one of the Gospels was read, and St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians. A course of lectures, introductory to New Testament study, was given to this class. In the lectures those topics were treated of which serve to throw light upon the times of the New Testament. Portions of Athanasius, Basil, and Chrysostom were also read in this class, for the purpose of introducing the students to ecclesiastical Greek.

A number of essays were written by the students, and examined by me. I had much reason to be satisfied with the care bestowed by the students on these papers. There were three written examinations on the work of the class during the session.

The two Societies, the Theological Society and the Missionary Society, were carried on with spirit, and were productive of much good.

The household regulations were well observed, and the condition of the household was on the whole satisfactory.

Rev. William G. Elmslie, M.A.

HEBREW AND OLD TESTAMENT EXEGESIS.

In the Junior Class the first half of the session is spent on the Grammar. The principles and laws of the language are set forth in condensed notes, which are dictated to the students, illustrated by copious explanation and examples, and imprinted on the memory by written exercises and appropriate readings. During the latter half of the session the class reads a considerable portion of Genesis and some of the simpler Psalms, with historical and exegetical comments, and occasionally a lecture is delivered. Written examinations are held monthly. In the Senior Class the greater part of the time is devoted to practice in the translation and interpretation of the historical and poetical books of the Old Testament. This year the students have read a portion of Isaiah, the episode of Balaam in Numbers, the prophecy of Joel, a section of Proverbs, and a number of Psalms. Some study has been given to critical and apologetic questions, and constant attention has been paid, in the course of reading, to the principles and contents of Old Testament Theology. Special lectures have been delivered on important topics, such as Messianic Prophecy, Revelation, the Wisdom of the Old Testament, Typology, and other subjects. The work of the Class was revised, and the diligence of the students tested, by means of written examinations held every two months.

The whole of the students have attended, throughout the session, weekly Elocution Classes, conducted by Professor Plumptre, of King's College, London, who reports favourably of the general progress of the students.

The Senatus has had before it, and has considered a communication from the Registrar of the Senatus Academicus of Associated Theological Colleges of England and Wales.

This Association has for its object to give to the students of the associated Colleges 'the same stimulus to wider and more accurate knowledge in the various branches of Theology, and the same kind of opportunity for testing their acquirements therein, as is supplied for Arts and Science by the examinations of the national Universities.'

This object it is proposed to secure by means of annual examinations, and the award of prizes and certificates. The Senatus consists of the Professors of the different associated Colleges and of three other delegates from each College; and it is hoped that when the association of Nonconformist Colleges is more complete, a Charter may be obtained from Government, authorising the Senatus to confer degrees in Theology.

The Professors of our College have been invited to join this Association; and they are unanimously of the opinion that it would be in the interests at once of the College and of Theological science were they to do so. The Senatus, however, did not feel itself at liberty to

respond to the invitation by associating the College of the Presbyterian Church of England with the other Nonconformist institutions, even in so desirable an object, without previously ascertaining the mind of the Synod; and hence it has agreed to report to the Synod that such a communication has been received, and that it is the desire of the Professors to accept the invitation, and to have this College added to the number of Colleges associated for the above-mentioned objects.

Submitted on behalf of the Senatus, by

WILLIAM CHALMERS,
Principal.

X

REPORT OF COLLEGE VISITORS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

THE visitors were appointed 'with full power to inquire into, and with instructions to report upon, the supply and training of the Church's students for the holy ministry, the curriculum of study, the standard of entrance and exit examinations, the good order and internal arrangements of the house, the management of College finance, the condition of the College property, and all other matters affecting the well-being and efficiency of the College.' Their instructions farther ran: 'The visitors are expected to report the results of their inquiry with such a measure of fulness as shall put the Church at large in a position to judge of the present condition of the College, as well as to express their own opinion on the same. They shall also embody in their report such suggestions as seem to them, or to a majority of them, to be deserving of consideration by the Church.'

Keeping these instructions in view, the visitors held a preliminary meeting on December 19th, 1882, at which it was agreed—(1) to remit the matter of College finance and property to Messrs. J. C. Stevenson, M.P. and W. P. Sinclair; (2) to prepare a list of queries regarding the condition and work of the College, for communication to the Senatus and the College Committee; and (3) to make a personal visitation of the College in the end of February 1883.

The queries were prepared, and will be found, with other matter, in the Appendix to this Report.

On February 27th and 28th the personal visit to the College took place; all the visitors being present on the occasion, with the exception of Dr. J. Collingwood Bruce, from whom an apology for absence had been received.

On the first day of visitation, the Commission proceeded to the class-room of Principal Chalmers, and remained for half an hour. There were present, with one exception, all the students of the second and third years. The class was that of Systematic Theology, and the special subject of lecture was the Punishment of Sin. Hodge's Theology was used as a text-book, being referred to in the course of the lecture.

The visitors next repaired to the class-room of Professor Graham, where the students of the first year were assembled (one absent) for a lecture on Church History; the period treated of being the nineteenth

century. On the following day Dr. Graham's class-room was again visited, the second and third year students being this time together. The subject of lecture was Ritualism, and more particularly the writings and influence of Dr. John Henry Newman.

At eleven o'clock of the Tuesday the visitors went to the class of Mr. Elmslie, the Hebrew tutor. The second and third year students were present. The subject treated was the 19th Psalm; verses of the Hebrew being read by the students, and questions being put and exposition given by the tutor.

The next visit of the Commission was to the class-room of Professor Gibb, where they found the men of the second and third years. The subject was New Testament Exegesis; the special topic dealt with being the qualifications of the elder in the early Church, as laid down by Paul in a passage of one of the pastoral epistles.

The visitors had reason to be satisfied with the apparent attention and interest of the students, especially in the larger classes, where the stimulus seemed greater. And, if they may refer to the work of the professors and tutor, they would express their gratification with the manner in which, with characteristic varieties of style, the business of the respective classes was conducted.

At three o'clock on Tuesday, the 27th, the visitors met with the students collectively; there being present twenty-one out of a total of twenty-three. Invitation was given to the students to make any statements or suggestions relating to their work or comfort, with the following result:—

1. The want of a gymnasium was much felt.
2. The third year students stated that, in their opinion, too much work in the way of discourses was crowded into that year, when they were necessarily busy with the subjects of the exit examination; and expressed a desire that one of the discourses should be taken in the second year.
3. A wish was expressed that notice should be taken by the Church in some way of Arts Students looking forward to the study of Theology in connection with the denomination.
4. The third year students desired opportunities of preaching; but those of the other years generally were satisfied with mission work, such as in various forms was open to them. There existed a special wish for opportunities of more systematic mission work during the long vacation.
5. The students, with hardly an exception, expressed themselves generally satisfied with the domestic arrangements of the College, and preferred to live within the premises rather than to lodge outside.
6. The question of the suitableness of London as the *locale* of the College, in comparison, say, with Cambridge, having come up, the students declared themselves unanimously in favour of London; the grounds of their opinion being, for one thing, proximity to the British Museum Reading Room, and for another, the opportunity in London of enjoying the educational advantage of hearing a greater number and variety of distinguished preachers.
7. One student hinted a desire for the teaching of Natural Science,

and all wished greater prominence to be given to instruction in Homiletics and Pastoral Work.

After the Conference, which was well-toned throughout, the students were addressed by the Convener and others of the visitors.

At 4 P.M. the visitors met with the Senatus, all the members of which were present, with the addition of Mr. Elmslie.

The Senatus agreed with the students that a gymnasium was desirable. With regard to the alleged congestion of work in the third year, the Senatus were of opinion that it would be best relieved by requiring that one of the exercises of that year should be handed in at the beginning of the session, so as to secure that the preparation of it should not interfere with the work of the winter. With regard to the occupying of pulpits by students, the Senatus deprecated frequent preaching on the part of any but the men of the third year, and were of opinion that these were at present sufficiently employed in that way. Reference having been made to the desire of the students for more teaching in Homiletics, Professor Graham stated that he had not yet come up to that part of his course for this year, and that lectures were to be given by him on the subject. On the question of the best locality for the College, which had also emerged in conference with the students, the Senatus agreed with the students, and for similar reasons—including the larger and less isolated life of a great city—that London was the preferable place. The Senatus desired that ministers should bring the College under the notice of young men in their congregations, who might be likely to devote themselves to the work of the ministry, and considered that this might be fitly done in connection with the announcement of the College collection each year. It was also thought that a brief paper, containing needful information for intending students, might be from time to time sent to ministers. The Senatus expressed general satisfaction with the character of the men at present in attendance at the College. They further agreed cordially in the opinion of the visitors that special care should be taken, in connection with the admission of students to theological study, to ascertain that the entrants are believing Christian men, and are actuated by true spiritual motives in seeking the office of the holy ministry.

The visitors had satisfaction in being present on the Wednesday during the hour devoted to the hearing and criticising of discourses. The proceedings were interesting, and of a kind fitted to be profitable.

The visitors, having given this narrative of their procedure, have now pleasure in stating their opinion, as the result of what came under their notice, that the Church is to be congratulated on the present general condition of the College.

And, more particularly, they would beg to submit the following suggestions:—

1. That each student should, if possible, receive three hours' class instruction daily, and that the hours for the meeting of the Theological Society and for the hearing of the discourses be extra.

2. That the roll should be called regularly in each class, and absences recorded, with a view to absentees being specially dealt with in the way of discipline, when necessary.

3. That the Senatus should meet at stated times for the administration of the affairs of the College.

4. That Homiletical instruction and Pastoral training should have more prominence than under existing arrangements.

5. That the desire of the students for a gymnasium and exercising ground be favourably considered.

6. That a Library Fund, from which a sufficient supply of new books may be provided, be formed; and that the whole library may, under due conditions, be open to ministers and probationers of the Church.

7. That an Elocution Fund be also, if possible, permanently established.

The visitors found the accommodation in the College sufficient for fifteen students, while there are at present in attendance twenty-three; eight thus living outside.

With regard to the house and its management the visitors recommend—

1. That the House Committee be strengthened by an addition to its number.

2. That the House Committee, or a portion thereof as an acting sub-committee, should, along with the resident professor, exercise a constant care over the house account and the general practical management, so as to secure the utmost economy consistent with the due comfort of the students.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Report prepared by Mr. W. P. Sinclair.

The College, situated in Queen Square, Guilford Street, is held on leasehold tenure, the lease being meanwhile in the custody of the solicitors by whom it was drawn up.

The College, besides the various class-rooms, contains accommodation for the resident tutor and fifteen students, giving to each student a separate apartment, which serves both for bedroom and study. This arrangement, seems to be much appreciated by the students, as being advantageous to them both from a social and economical point of view, and while under the control of the resident professor, the necessary arrangements as to meals, &c., are made by the students themselves. At the same time the visitors deem it right to point out that this arrangement, however economical from the students' point of view, is a very expensive one for the Church, and a considerable amount would be saved if it were thought desirable, viewing the subject in all its bearings (for the economical aspect is not the only or most important consideration), to alter the present system, and require the students to live outside the College bounds, retaining the building solely as a College for Tutorial and Presbytery purposes.

The house being an old one, the item of repairs is a constant one in College accounts. It is difficult to see how this can be remedied, but the item requires constant care on the part of those having charge of

the building. It cannot be adequately checked or looked into by a casual visitation, but perhaps some remedy may be found in the appointment of three or five members of the College Committee as a House Committee to take this important item under its special charge.

Insurance is effected on the College to the extent of £9,000, which will cover loss of fittings, and College and household furniture and library in case of destruction by fire.

The finances are managed as follows :—

The College trustees collect the interest from investments, &c., and pay over to the College Committee funds as required. The visitors are glad, however, to be able to express their approval of the proposal of the treasurer of the trustees, Mr. Johnstone, that the collection and disbursements should be made in future through the Treasurership Committee, and also that the audit of the accounts should be made by the general church auditor, as has, in fact, been done for 1882. This suggestion has come from Mr. J. Muir Leitch, to whom, as auditor, the Church is much indebted for his valuable services in the past. The securities representing the College investments are at present deposited for safety in the safe of the London Presbytery, and the visitors are informed by the auditor that at the yearly audit he satisfies himself of their existence. This has not hitherto been stated on the face of the accounts when passed by the auditor; the visitors think it would be an improvement were this adopted in future.

Trust deeds exist for some of these investments on behalf of the College, and others are in course of preparation. The visitors would recommend that trust deeds be prepared for all the investments on behalf of the College, whether for its direct endowment or for scholarships.

The College is supported partly by interest derived from investments and partly by Congregational collections. The latter amounted during 1882 to £999 19s. 3d., and could easily be increased if a greater interest in this most important branch of the Church work was felt over the entire Church.

Of the income from investments, £146 17s. 6d. is obtained from the moiety of the rental derived from 227 Strand (the other moiety being payable to the widow of the late Mr. Brownley, from whose bequest the College derived this endowment). The income from this rental remains about the same as for many years past, though there may be hope of its increasing. Meanwhile, the visitors are informed that, in order to preserve certain rights, legal proceedings have had to be entered into. This property may in time prove a valuable one, being freehold and situated in the neighbourhood of the new Law Courts.

The value of the investments on behalf of the College Trust, exclusive of the moiety of rental above referred to, is now £32,222, of which £19,084 represents old investments which have existed for some years, and £13,138 new investments, the result of the appeal made during the past two years by Dr. Dykes. Of the old investments, it seems that £4,673 are invested in bank shares, to which a further liability attaches, and it appears to the visitors that such shares are not a suitable investment for the College funds, and they recommend that they be sold, and the proceeds of sale invested in other suitable

security to which no liability attaches. These shares form part of the original bequest to the College made by Mr. Brownley, so that no blame can attach to the College trustees for such an investment; and the visitors recommend that the conversion of the above bank shares be left to the discretion of the trustees at such time or times as may appear to them most advantageous prior to the next meeting of Synod.

The new endowment fund seems to have been all invested in suitable securities for holding on behalf of the College, with the exception of a small sum used for the payment of some new shares which had been allotted *pro ratâ* to the holders of the bank shares. This investment was, under the circumstance of the College trustees being already holders of shares, quite justified, but the visitors recommend that the new shares be also disposed of, though they would recommend that the time in which action may be taken with respect to the new shares be extended until all the payments of calls on said shares have been made, as they probably could then be more advantageously sold. The sum of £204 7s. is retained uninvested to meet the calls on these shares.

The additional income derivable from the new endowments has been about £210 in 1882, and will be about £275 to £300 in 1883. It will, however, reach £500 in 1884. The comparatively small amount available for 1883 arises from the investments made being purchased mostly *ex dividend*, thus reducing the amount paid for the stock purchase, but at the expense of the revenue of the current year.

Submitted, on behalf of the visitors, by

WALTER MORISON,

Convener.

APPENDIX.

TRIENNIAL VISITATION, 1883.

QUERIES TO SENATUS.

I.—*Ordinary Class Work.*

1. General subjects and methods of instruction in each class?
2. How many hours devoted to class work each day?
3. How many hours devoted weekly in each class to lecturing, and on what days lectures given?
4. What time given to oral examinations?
5. Any to written examinations?
6. To examinations in text-books, and, if so, what books?
7. To what extent is the same ground gone over in lectures in successive years; or how are subjects distributed into portions for treatment?

8. What time occupied in the giving of essays or discourses by students?

9. Any requirement as to delivery of discourses without manuscript?

II.—*More General Training.*

1. Any special provision for training in elocution?

2. Any for guidance in preparing of sermons and in pastoral work—visiting of congregation, including sick; presiding at meetings of session, &c.?

3. Any special instruction in the history and principles of Presbyterianism and of our denomination?

4. Any on the subordinate standards of the Church?

5. Any special means of testing and increasing general knowledge of the Scriptures on the part of the students?

6. Of dealing with speculative difficulties felt, and promoting personal spiritual life?

7. Associations for mutual improvement or Christian usefulness existing among students?

8. To what extent employed in missionary or evangelistic work? In preaching to regular congregations?

9. What condition of College generally as to spiritual life?

III.—*Discipline.*

1. Roll of members of each class kept and regularly called?

2. Attendance and general behaviour?

IV.—*Holidays.*

1. What allowed, and their length?

2. Any work prescribed for long vacation, and, if so, of what sort?

V.—*Library.*

1. Number of books?

2. Average additions each year?

3. Character of recent additions?

4. Special deficiency in any department of literature?

5. Any fund from which additions made?

6. Amount of accommodation for new books?

7. By whom books selected?

8. Library accessible to any besides students?

VI.—Any suggestions on part of Senatus?

ANSWERS OF SENATUS AND PROFESSORS.

General Statement by PRINCIPAL CHALMERS.

Each of the professors has prepared a statement in regard to his own work; but there are some points embraced in the queries issued to the Senatus, on which it is unnecessary that each should make a return.

Hours.—The hours devoted by the students to attendance on classes throughout the week are twelve in number, in addition to which they attend one hour weekly in the Common Hall to hear discourses, delivered by the students in turn, and criticised by the professors; and they also spend an hour and a half weekly in the meetings of the Theological and the Missionary Societies, which are held on alternate weeks.

Experience has taught us that the students cannot with advantage attend classes daily for a longer period than *three* hours. They used,

when there were but two professors and a tutor, to attend four classes daily; but to pass from (1) Apologetics or Dogmatics to (2) Hebrew, and from Hebrew to (3) Church History, and from Church History to (4) Greek Exegesis or Patristic Literature in a single forenoon was found to put too heavy a strain upon their strength, bodily and mental, much additional work being necessary out of class hours to prepare for the class work.

The number of students being small (though of late years increasing) they are divided, and are divisible with advantage, into no more than *two* classes—the juniors, or students of the first year, and the seniors, or students of the second and third years; and as each set can only be under class instruction for three hours daily, a very limited number of hours in the week, not more than five at present, falls to the share of each of the *four* professors.

We all feel that we have not time enough for the work we have to do—not a sufficient number of hours weekly, during which to carry the students through the course of instruction for which the different chairs exist; but until the number of students is such as to admit of a division according to their standing in the College, as first, second, and third year students, we see no way out of the difficulty; for, as I have said, to exact from each student four hours a day of class attendance would not be advantageous to their progress, and might prove, as it did before, injurious to the health of some.

On Mondays, at present, some departure from the ordinary hours is necessary—(1) to admit of the return of any of the senior students to town who may have been preaching at a distance; and hence on Monday these have no class at 10 A.M. as they have on other days: and (2) to make an opening for the teacher of elocution, who gives an hour's instruction on that day to each of the classes, the senior and the junior.

Discourses.—On Wednesdays all the students assemble in the Common Hall, when a discourse on a prescribed text is given by one of the students, and criticised by the professors in the hearing of all. In these criticisms, hints and directions are given in regard to the composition and delivery of sermons. Each student gives at least one discourse during each session—a homily, or a lecture, or a popular discourse. In every case the discourse has been previously handed to and gone over by one of the Senatus—Professor Gibb prescribing and taking charge of the lecture, Professor Graham of the homily, and Principal Chalmers of the popular discourse.

We are encouraging the delivery *memoriter* and without manuscript of one at least of the discourses; and although we have not made it imperative, we expect that in another session the practice will be universal.

Scripture Knowledge and Spiritual Life.—No *special* means are used for testing or increasing a general knowledge of the Scriptures, or promoting personal spiritual life. All is left to the individual judgment of the professors who constantly come into contact with the students; and it will be remembered that as the students, with few exceptions, reside in the College, they are under the immediate superintendence of the resident professor.

Attendance of Students.—The roll of members of each class is not in general called at each meeting: for as the number in each class has never hitherto exceeded sixteen or seventeen, the eye of the professor readily observes and notes any absentee; and if he has not asked for leave, he has to give the reason of his absence.

The attendance, however, is for the most part regular, and the behaviour generally excellent.

Holidays.—The students are allowed a fortnight at Christmas and two or three days at Easter.

Individual Statement by PRINCIPAL CHALMERS.

CLASS OF APOLOGETICAL THEOLOGY.

Juniors.

Time.—Two hours a week are given to this class; occasionally, for the examination of written papers, *three*.

Subject.—The course of instruction embraces Natural Theology and Christian Evidence.

Under Natural Theology are discussed Theism and Anti-Theistic Theories; under Christian Evidence, the Proofs, internal, external, and collateral, of the Divine Origin of Christianity and the Authority of Scripture.

[For details, see Report annually given to the Synod by the College Committee.]

Method.—Having so many subjects to discuss, with only *two* hours a week at my disposal, I am obliged to do the work mainly by means of lectures, of which I deliver between forty and fifty in the course of the session.

Oral examinations are frequent, generally on the subject of the previous lecture, before passing on to another; and often on a portion of the text-book, the study of which has been prescribed.

The text-books used are—Dr. James Buchanan's 'Faith in God and Modern Atheism,' and Dr. Hodge's 'Systematic Theology,' Part I., On Theism, &c. Occasionally—*i.e.* several times during the session—there are written examinations on the subject the discussion of which has been completed.

I have not required essays from the juniors on any of the topics embraced in my lectures, as they have more to do than they can accomplish with advantage, having to attend classes for four different branches of study—Apologetics, Hebrew, Greek Exegesis, and Church History.

The class for Apologetics being attended only by students in the first year of their course, substantially the same ground is gone over by the professor in successive years; but always to a new set of students, and with considerable variety of form and illustration, according to the progress of discussion on the different subjects embraced in the course.

CLASS OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.

Seniors.

Three hours a week are given to this class, which is attended by the students of the second and third years together.

My course of instruction carries us over the whole range of Christian doctrine. It is divided into two parts, each of which in successive years occupies the professor and students during a whole session.

The first part embraces (1) Theology proper, the doctrine of God, the Divine nature, perfections, decrees, and works of creation and providence; (2) Anthropology, the doctrine of man, his original condition and fall, with its consequences to the human race, its universal guilt and depravity.

The second part embraces (1) Soteriology, the doctrine of salvation; the person and work of the Redeemer; the application of redemption through the agency of the Holy Spirit; the blessings conferred—justification, &c.: the means employed; and especially (2) the doctrine of the sacraments, baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

[For details see Annual Report to the Synod given in by the College Committee.]

The text-books used in the Senior class are Dr. Hodge's 'Systematic Theology' and Dr. Cunningham's 'Historical Theology;' the latter, however, only by occasional reference.

In this as in the other class the limited time at my disposal leads me to do the work of instruction mainly by lectures, of which I deliver between sixty and seventy in the course of each session; but oral examinations on the subject of the previous lecture are frequent, as also on portions of the text-book the study of which has been prescribed.

At all times I encourage the students to put questions on the subject in hand, and to state difficulties on which they desire that light may be thrown.

On each topic embraced in my course the attention of the students is directed to the subordinate standards of the Church, and the statements of doctrine which they contain examined and expounded.

*Statement by PROFESSOR GRAHAM.**I.—Ordinary Class Work.*

1. Church History—this year first three centuries and 16th, 17th, 18th—towards close of Session (if time) Homiletics—as to methods—lecturing and examination, taken sometimes during or before the lecture or one whole hour.

2. One hour to class work, one additional to hearing sermons, and sometimes another to attending the Students' Society.

3. Three hours (except when examination for a whole hour) to seniors, two (*minus* examination time) to juniors. Days of lecture to juniors and seniors, Monday to Friday.

4. Oral examination as above in Q. 3.

5. Have had one written examination this Session—shall have another at least.

6. Kurtz—our Church History text-book.

7. In Church History, three courses in successive years of lectures, embracing the nineteenth century. The Homiletics course not finished—had two months last year—will have (time permitting) some lectures, with examinations, this year.

8. One hour for delivery of sermons and lectures in the week.

9. None stringent, except a student shall deliver one discourse during the course of three years.

II.—*More General Training.*

1. Yes.

2. Yes, in Homiletics and Pastoral Theology.

3. Yes, in Church History—and this year.

4. Yes, and this year—already.

5. Refer to Mr. Gibb and Mr. Elmslie—of course Scripture Knowledge tested and increased according to the nature of subjects in each class.

6. In many ways both in public and in private.

7. See Mr. Gibb's report.

8. See Mr. Gibb's report.

9. Reverent and thoughtful. Tone is earnest. Character of sermons where the sentiments and convictions of the student come out most directly, evangelical and practical. Have cause for satisfaction, have cause also for desire of growth and deepening of the spiritual life.

III.—*Discipline.*

1. No roll called from paper, but in classes not large the eye takes in at once the attendance.

2. Attendance—in some perfect, in some not so perfect, but this marked and reasons asked. As to general behaviour, some perfect and some might be improved. On the whole, where there are various temperaments and modes of manifestation of such, as good on the whole, I should sometimes say better, than in any same number of young students I have known.

IV.—*Holiday.*

1 & 2. See Mr. Gibb's report.

V.—*Library.*

See Special Report at p. 134.

VI.—None in particular. Conversation with the Visitation Committee will likely call up some, and make clearer and fuller the replies above.

Statement by PROFESSOR GIBB (with Time-table).

I. *Ordinary Class Work.*

1. Students attend classes of New Testament Exegesis during the three sessions. In the junior class they read and translate in the class

portions of the Greek New Testament. They are questioned on the portion read, and the Professor gives from notes his own exegesis of the passages. A portion of one of the gospels, and an epistle is usually read during first session. Lectures are also given to the junior students. These are intended to serve as a general introduction to the study of the New Testament and of New Testament times. The following subjects are touched upon :—(1) The characteristics of the land of Palestine ; (2) The history of the Jews since the Restoration, and especially the condition of affairs at the time of the Advent ; (3) The Temple service ; (4) Synagogue and Synagogue service ; (5) Rabbinical teaching ; (6) Messianic hopes among the Jews ; (7) The Jewish Alexandrian philosophy, &c.

Portions of the Greek or Latin Fathers read with the juniors for a part of the session.

Students of second and third years form one class, and are taught together. The Epistles to the Romans and Hebrews usually read with the senior class in alternate years. Questions asked and exegesis given as to juniors. Lectures given on the Epistles of the New Testament. One year I lecture on the writings of St. Paul, in the next year on the remaining books of the New Testament. The object is to characterise the various books, and to answer objections which have been brought against them. A course of lectures given also on textual criticism of the New Testament, and on the history of the formation of the New Testament canon.

2. See time-table.

3. In first class, two hours weekly usually devoted to reading and exegesis of New Testament, the remaining hour to lectures or to reading of Greek Fathers. In senior class, one hour weekly devoted to lecturing and one hour to reading and exegesis.

4. Oral examination combined with the reading of Greek Testament.

5. Students of junior class have three or four written examinations during the session. I have sometimes given written examinations to seniors, not always.

6. I have not been able to find an entirely suitable text-book for my subject. I have sometimes used 'Companion to the Greek Testament,' by Barrett (Cambridge School and College Text-books). On this book I examined in the class. My usual plan is to recommend to the students to read the best and most suitable books when I come to a subject. For example, for Gospels, Westcott's 'Introduction to the Gospels ;' Westcott on Canon ; Hammond's 'Introduction to Biblical Criticism,' &c.

7. Already answered ; the same students never go over the same ground.

8. As regards my own classes, I require from students of the first year three or four papers or exercises during the session. The following subjects have been given this year :—'The Character and Work of John

the Baptist ;' ' Characteristics of one of the Gospels ;' ' The Special Characteristics of the Miracles of Christ ;' ' The Messianic Hope among the Jews at the Time of the Advent.' From students of the second year I require a careful exegesis, including examination of various readings of a passage in the Greek New Testament. A longer and more elaborate paper of the same character is received from men of the third year. I also examine the lecture delivered in hall by students of second year. But for discourses see answer of Principal.

II.—*More General Training.*

1. Elocution usually taught every alternate year. Mr. G. B. Bruce has usually paid for it, but we have no regular fund, and there is sometimes difficulty about the money. Classes at present taught by Professor Plumptre, of King's College, London.

2. As Professor in residence, I am frequently consulted by students regarding sermon-writing, books to be read for special subjects, &c., and I do my best to help them.

3. See answers of Dr. Graham.

4. See answers of the Principal and of Dr. Graham.

5. Mr. Elmslie's classes and my own are mainly intended to increase knowledge of the Bible. There is an examination in Scripture History every year by the Board of Examination.

6. As President of Theological Society and of the Missionary Society, and as resident, I have many opportunities of speaking to the students regarding speculative difficulties and other questions. I do what is in my power to be of service to them.

7. In answer to this question I submit a short account of two societies existing among the students, the Theological and the Missionary. I have observed the rise and progress of both societies with much satisfaction, and can testify they have been most useful to the students. I may mention that there is a weekly prayer meeting among the students.

8. I have already mentioned the various societies for religious work existing among the students, which may, I trust, be taken as an evidence of genuine religious life.

III.—*Discipline.*

1. I do not actually call a roll in classes, but I observe absences, and check an undue tendency in that direction at once.

2. Speaking generally, the attendance is very regular, more so than at most colleges. Students engaged in mission work sometimes show a tendency to relax in attendance. General conduct satisfactory when all circumstances taken into consideration.

IV.—*Holidays.*

1. See answer of Principal.

2. The work prescribed by the Board of Examination is the summer work of the students. This year a prize of £5 is offered for the best Essay on the Preaching of the Apostle Paul.

TIME-TABLE.

*Senior.**Junior.*

		10-11	11-12	12-1		10-11	11-12	12-1
Monday	Prin. Chalmers ...							Apolo- getics (occasional)
	Prof. Gibb				New Test. Exegesis			
	Prof. Graham ...		Church History					
	Mr. Plumptre ...			Elocution		Elocution		
Tuesday	Prin. Chalmers ...	Dogmatics					Apolo- getics	
	Prof. Gibb			New Test. Exegesis				
	Prof. Graham ...				Church History			
	Rev. W. G. Elmslie		Hebrew				Hebrew	
Wednesday	Prin. Chalmers ...	Theolog. Society						Discourses
	Prof. Gibb			Discourses	Theolog. Society	New Test. Exegesis		
	Prof. Graham ...		Church History					
Thursday	Prin. Chalmers ...	Dogmatics					Apolo- getics	Church History
	Prof. Gibb		New Test. Exegesis					
	Prof. Graham ...							
	Rev. W. G. Elmslie				Hebrew			
Friday	Prin. Chalmers ...	Dogmatics						
	Prof. Gibb					New Test. Exegesis		
	Prof. Graham ...			Church History				
	Rev. W. G. Elmslie		Hebrew		Hebrew			

Junior Class has twelve hours weekly, occasionally thirteen.

Senior Class has twelve hours weekly.

Dr. Chalmers, five hours weekly, and occasionally is present at discourse giving for another hour.

Dr. Graham, do., five hours weekly and discourse.

Professor Gibb, do., also presides at Theological and Missionary Societies.

Mr. Elmslie, five hours.

Statement by Rev. W. G. ELMSLIE.

1. *Subjects and Methods.—Junior.* Subjects are—Hebrew Grammar and Elementary Translation. The method is the following:—(1) The beginning of the hour is devoted to oral examination on the work

prescribed at last meeting. (2) A new section of Grammar is taken up: a condensed statement of the principles is dictated to the students, amplified with verbal explanations, and illustrated by examples: an exercise on the section is set for the following day, and a passage of Hebrew prescribed for translation. (3) The remainder of the hour is spent in reading the Hebrew portion prescribed on the preceding day.

Senior.—Subjects are—Hebrew Translation and Parsing with special attention to Syntax: Literary, Theological, and Practical Exegesis: Lectures on Biblical Criticism and Old Testament Theology, particularly on the subjects of Prophecy, Sacrifice, and the Development of Doctrine. The method is as follows:—The greater part of the hour is spent in hearing the students read a passage previously set: they are practised in parsing and in exegesis: carefully prepared notes on points of importance are dictated and explained: when a principle of importance emerges, it is dealt with in a half-hour lecture. In this fashion, with small expenditure of time, the essence of many great questions is conveyed to the class: when the subject demands it, a complete hour is spent in lecturing.

2. *Hours.*—The *Junior* Class meets for *one* hour on *three* days of the week. The *Senior* Class meets for *one* hour on *two* days of the week. See answer to Question VI.

3. *Lectures.*—*Junior*—some half-dozen in course of the session. *Senior*—once a fortnight.

4. *Oral Examination.*—In both classes daily.

5. *Written Examinations.*—In *Junior* Class at end of each month; in *Senior* Class every two months (*i.e.* on sixteen hours of class-work).

6. *Text-books.*—Davidson's Hebrew Grammar and Gesenius's Grammar constantly in use.

7. *Ground gone over.*—A student in his *first year* learns Grammar, and reads Genesis or Ruth, &c. &c.; in his *second year* reads prophetic and poetic portions of the Old Testament; and the same in his *third year*. But the same ground is never twice gone over with the same men. This applies also to lectures.

8, 9.—Hardly apply to Hebrew classes.

Roll kept and regularly called. *Discipline* and attendance quite satisfactory.

Suggestion.—A larger portion of time ought to be allotted to *Hebrew*. I suggest *at least* four hours weekly to the Juniors, and three to the Seniors. More lectures could then be given.

QUERIES TO COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

I.—*Students: General.*

1. Total number the year before the union in 1876, and each year since?

2. Number since the union of non-university men, and of men having a partial but not complete university course?

3. Number of graduates during same time?
4. Nationality of students during same time?
5. Presbyteries from which have come?
6. Proportion of students licensed since union called to churches, and what churches?

II.—*Entrance and Exit Examinations.*

1. Subjects embraced in these respectively?
2. How conducted?
3. Number of candidates for admission each year since union in 1876?
4. Number rejected?
5. Number presenting themselves each year during same time for exit examination?
6. Number failing to pass?
7. Is there a 'pass' standard, and, if so, what is it?
8. Is such standard invariably applied, or are exceptions made, and if so, why?
9. In the case of applicants for admission to the College from other churches, any special means taken by Board to satisfy itself as to the good standing and character of such applicants?

III.—*Scholarships and Bursaries.*

1. What are these in detail, as belonging to the Church, or as available from any other quarter?
2. What are the conditions on which they are held respectively?

IV.—*Relation of Presbyteries of the Church to Work of College.*

1. Examinations of students by Presbyteries?
2. Supervision during long vacation?

V.—Any suggestions on part of College Committee?

ANSWERS OF COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

I. STUDENTS : GENERAL.

Year.	Course of Study.	Students of our own Church.	Students of other Churches.
1. 1875-76 :	First year ...	9	
	Second year ...	3	
	Third year ...	2	
		14	
1876-77 :	First year ...	2	1. [Irish Presbyterian.]
	Second year ...	7	1. [,,]
	Third year ...	5	
		14	2 ,,
1877-78 :	First year ...	11	2. [One Irish Presbytn.,
	Second year ...	2	one Continental.]
	Third year ...	6	
		19	2

1878-79 :	First year ...	...	6	
	Second year ...	...	10	1. [Continental.]
	Third year ...	...	4	
			<u>20</u>	<u>1</u>
1879-80 :	First year ...	...	3	
	Second year ...	...	6	
	Third year ...	...	10	1. [Continental.]
			<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>
1880-81 :	First year ...	...	6	
	Second year ...	...	5	
	Third year ...	...	6	2 [Irish Presbyt. Ch.]
			<u>17</u>	<u>2</u>
1881-82 :	First year ...	...	8	2 [One Irish, one Col.]
	Second year ...	...	5	
	Third year ...	...	6	1 [Irish Presbyt. Ch.]
			<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>
1882-83 :	First year ...	...	6	1 [United Presb. Ch.]
	Second year ...	...	10	
	Third year ...	...	5	1 [Irish Presb. Ch.]
			<u>21</u>	<u>2</u>

The above results show an average attendance during the last eight Sessions of eighteen students each Session contemplating the ministry of our own Church in England, and an average attendance during the same period of $1\frac{1}{2}$ of students belonging to sister Churches.

Year.	Non-University Students.			Partial University Students.		
2. 1876-77	none		none	
1877-78	3		2	
1878-79	1			
1879-80	1			
1880-81	1			
1881-82	1			
1882-83	none			
			<u>7</u>		<u>2</u>	
3. Number of graduates	22
The number of these belonging to our own Church					...	18
,, ,, other Churches					...	4
						<u>22</u>

The degree of B.A. held by seven students; one from the University of Oxford, one from the University of Cambridge, three from the University of London, one from Victoria University, and one from Queen's University, Ireland.

The degree of M.A. held by twelve students; three from the University of Edinburgh, five from the University of Glasgow, one from the University of Cambridge, one from the University of Aberdeen, and two from Queen's University, Ireland.

The degrees of M.A. and B.D. held by one student from the University of Glasgow.

The degrees of M.A. and Ph.D. held by *one* student from the University of Heidelberg.

The degree of LL.B. held by *one* student from Trinity College, Dublin.

4. As nearly as can be ascertained the nationality of the students is as follows :

English	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Scottish	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Irish	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
German	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

5. No record has been kept of the Presbyteries from which the students have come. But it may be stated that they have come from the following Presbyteries of our own Church, viz., Berwick, Northumberland, Newcastle, Darlington, Manchester, Liverpool, London.

[The admission of students to the College is not directly through the Presbyteries, but through the Board of Examination.]

6. The students licensed to preach are not required to report to the College Committee the Churches to which they are called, and the records of the Committee do not supply the means of stating how many of the Licentiates have been called to Churches, nor to what Churches.

[An approximate answer to this Query may be gathered from a reference to the present Synod Roll of Ministers and Missionaries.]

II. ENTRANCE AND EXIT EXAMINATIONS.

1. The subjects embraced in these examinations are set forth in the appended prospectus and specimen examination papers.

[While the main subjects remain chiefly the same from year to year, there is an almost yearly change in the selected branches of these subjects, and in the books or portions of books prescribed in connection with them.]

2. The examinations are conducted according to the rules, of which a printed copy is here put in for the private use of the visitors.

3. The number of candidates for admission belonging to our own Church is as follows :

1876-77	...	...	...	...	...	4
1877-78	...	...	...	...	...	12
1878-79	...	...	...	...	...	8
1879-80	...	...	...	...	...	6
1880-81	...	...	...	...	...	9
1881-82	...	...	...	...	...	10
1882-83	...	...	...	...	...	10
Total						59

4. Numbers rejected :

1876-77	...	...	...	...	...	2
1877-78	...	...	...	...	...	0
1878-79	...	...	...	...	...	1
1879-80	...	...	...	...	...	1
1880-81	...	...	...	...	...	2
1881-82	...	...	...	...	...	2
1882-83	...	...	...	...	...	2
Total						10

5. Number for exit :

1876-77	...	...	...	...	...	5
1877-78	...	...	...	...	...	9
1878-79	...	...	...	...	...	4
1879-80	...	...	...	...	...	11
1880-81	...	...	...	...	...	6
1881-82	...	...	...	...	...	6
Total						41

6. None failed to pass exit examination.

7. The standard for 'pass' is set forth in the Rules of Examination, a printed copy of which is herewith given in.

8. The standard for 'pass' is invariably applied, with the exception that if a student does well in other subjects of examination and fails to come up to the minimum in mathematics, the Board do not think it necessary to reject him, being of opinion that a high degree of mathematical knowledge is not essential to the successful prosecution of theological studies with a view to the Christian ministry.

9. In regard to the admission of students from other Churches the Board is guided by Regulation III. in the Regulations for Admission, a printed copy of which is hereunto appended.

In the case of students belonging to other Churches desiring to attend the classes in this College, the Synod has recently enacted that their applications for leave to do so shall be laid before the Board of Examination, and that without the permission of the Board they shall not have liberty to attend the classes nor to reside in the house.

III. SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES.

1. Undergraduate scholarships :—

The Anderson	...	...	...	£25	per annum.
„ Hamilton	...	...	...	40	„
„ Duncan	...	...	...	25	„
„ Robertson	...	...	...	25	„
„ McKerrow	...	...	...	20	„

Theological scholarships :—

The Gillespie	...	...	...	£50	per annum.
„ Muter	...	...	Three of	30	each.
„ Munro	...	...	...	25	„
„ Crichton	...	...	...	25	„
„ Newcastle	...	...	...	25	„
„ Regent Square	...	...	...	20	„

[Occasionally one or two 'ordinary' scholarships of £20 have been raised by private subscription].

The Hewley Trustees are in the habit of assigning one or more bursaries to theological students selected by themselves; but the payment of the bursaries is made dependent on the Trustees being duly certified that the bursars have been admitted to the College, and that their character and conduct while prosecuting their studies in the College are satisfactory.

2. The conditions on which the scholarships of both classes are held are set forth in the Prospectus of Scholarships, a printed copy of which is hereunto appended.

IV. RELATION OF PRESBYTERIES OF THE CHURCH TO THE WORK OF THE COLLEGE.

1. The common law as to the examination of students by Presbyteries is set forth in 'The Book of Order.'

In 1878 the Synod accepted the following suggestions laid before it by the College Committee, viz. :—

- (1) That Presbyteries be recommended to confine their examinations, on such subjects as are treated in the College course, to general questions on the work of the College classes during the preceding session; and beyond this to give special attention to such matters as Bible knowledge, standards of the Church, and personal religion. That it be further recommended that each student should, during his College course, deliver at least two popular discourses in the presence of the Presbytery.
- (2) That undergraduate students of the Church be invited to place themselves under the care of the Presbytery within which they reside, and also report their names and addresses to the Secretary of the College Committee. Further, that no student who does not comply with this invitation be eligible to hold any undergraduate scholarship or bursary in connection with the Presbyterian Church of England.

2. The College Committee cannot speak of the special modes of supervision exercised by Presbyteries over students during the long vacation. As the second and third year students are now subjected to an examination by printed papers at the commencement of each session, they are required to devote a part of the long vacation to preparation for that examination, the subjects of which are announced to them in good time.

APPENDED DOCUMENTS.*

1. Prospectus of scholarships.
2. Rules of examination for admission and for scholarships.
3. Regulations of admission to the College.
4. Specimens of examination papers for entrance, for honours, for scholarships, and for exit.

* These it has not been deemed necessary to reprint here.

The replies in the foregoing sheets are respectfully submitted to the visitors on behalf of the College Committee by

J. OSWALD DYKES,
Convener.

COLLEGE LIBRARY.

Replies to questions submitted by COLLEGE VISITORS.

1. The number of volumes in the Library (in addition to 226 text-books) is 6,945, viz. :—

In Hamilton Collection	...	...	...	2,963
„ Robertson „	...	...	...	1,291
„ General „	...	...	...	2,413
„ Huguenot „	...	...	...	203
„ Synod Records, &c.	...	..	...	75
				<hr/> 6,945

2 and 3. In recent years the additions have been limited to keeping up the Reviews and theological serials, such as Clark's publications and other Biblical commentaries.

4. The Library is deficient in untranslated *foreign* theological literature; also in recent apologetical and other theological works published in Britain; and in works on the subsidiary branches, such as publications connected with Palestine exploration, Assyrian and Egyptian inscriptions, and the like. Some expensive books of reference should likewise be added.

5. There has existed hitherto no special Library fund. The Synod's Committee authorised the appropriation every year, from the College funds, of a sum for Library uses; but of late years it has not been found expedient or possible to take advantage of this, except to a very limited extent. The Library will not be in a satisfactory position as regards finance until a special endowment has been established for its support. An encouraging beginning has been made in this direction within the last few weeks.

6. There is accommodation for new books sufficient for a considerable number of years.

7. Books have hitherto been selected by a sub-committee consisting of the Professors and the Convener of the College Committee. The sub-committee might now consist of one representative from the Senatus, the Convener of the College Committee, and the Librarian. The students have the right of recommending books which they think should be added to the Library.

8. The Hamilton and Robertson Collections are accessible not only to students, but also (under regulations sanctioned by the College Committee) to all the ministers and probationers of the Church. The general collection is reserved for the use of students and professors only. During the College session special arrangements are made to enable the students to take full advantage of the Library by the appointment of a student sub-librarian, resident in the house, to whom the keys are entrusted, and who gives attendance at stated times daily.

STUDENTS' THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

1. The object of this Society is the promotion of theological study, and the cultivation of public speaking among its members. It was founded in November 1875. The resident Professor is *ex officio* President of the Society. Meetings of the Society are held on the Wednesday of every alternate week during the session. The President usually takes the chair, and the average attendance is about fifteen. At each ordinary meeting a paper is read on some theological or kindred subject. The subjects of the papers must first be approved of by the Society. Some of the subjects upon which papers have been read during the eight sessions in which the Society has been in existence are the following :—‘The Relations of Christianity to Utilitarianism ;’ ‘The Doctrine of Immortality in the Old Testament ;’ ‘The Messianic Idea in the Psalms ;’ ‘Scripture Teaching on Conversion ;’ ‘Subscription to the Confession of Faith, what it involves ;’ ‘The New Testament Conception of Self-Denial ;’ ‘The Position of Pascal’s “Thoughts” in the History of Apologetics ;’ ‘The Salvation Army.’

A discussion of the subject follows the reading of each paper, which gives the members opportunities for the practice of speaking, and thus renders the Society of permanent value for the students.

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This Society was founded in February 1879. Its objects are ‘to excite an interest in Missions, and to promote their extension.’ It has two departments, Home and Foreign.

I. *Foreign*.—At the commencement of each session the Society decides upon some object for which to work during the year. The students visit as many of the London congregations as are willing to receive them, and plead on behalf of the scheme adopted. The average amount raised in this way and by individual subscriptions is about £100 per annum.

This year the Society hopes to extend its work during the session into the more distant congregations of the London Presbytery, and to arrange for doing similar work in the provinces during the summer.

The Society seeks to arouse interest in missionary effort among the students by meeting once a month for the purpose of hearing addresses delivered or papers read on some missionary topic either by the students themselves or others. The following are some of the subjects which have been brought before the Society :—

‘The Relation of Christian Missions to Christian Studies,’ Professor Graham ; ‘J. C. Patteson, the Missionary and Martyr Bishop,’ Mr. William Kidd ; ‘The Mission Work of the American Presbyterian Church,’ Dr. Monro Gibson ; ‘Home Missions,’ Rev. John Smith, M.A. ; ‘The Religious Tract Society,’ Rev. John Kelly.

II. *Home*.—In former years the Home Mission Work was done by

individual students as time and opportunity permitted. At the beginning of the present session it was thought advisable that the Society should take up officially some definite Home Mission work. In doing this it was felt that it would be for the good of the Society that its members should have an opportunity of engaging regularly in some practical Christian work, and thereby fitting themselves for effective service as ministers of Christ.

A hall was kindly granted to the Society by a lady. The district in which the students carry on their Home Mission work is Somers Town. Services have been held there every Sabbath evening, the addresses being given by the students themselves.

In connection with the Sabbath evening service there is a fellowship meeting held on the Saturday evenings in another part of the same district.

The work has been attended by some success, and has not been wanting in signs of Divine approval. It is hoped that the seed sown may be watered by the Master Himself, and bear fruit to His glory.

XI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTIONS TO COLLEGE VISITORS.

THE Committee appointed to consider more carefully the interim instructions which at last Synod were hastily drawn up for the guidance of the Visitors of the College, met and considered the subject referred to them. They are of opinion that since the experience of the present Visitors must be of essential value to any revision of such instructions for the future, and since, also, the next visitation will not become due till the year 1885-6, it is inexpedient to decide upon any change at present. They venture, therefore, respectfully to suggest that the matter be recommitted for a year, with power to the Committee to confer with the present Visitors on the working of the provisional instructions.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,

Convener.

XII.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION
OF PROBATIONERS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

YOUR Committee have much pleasure in reporting that the past year has been more satisfactory for our Probationers, and, of course, more pleasant for the executive, than the previous one. This has arisen from the growing readiness of congregations to place supply in the hands of the committee. There has been very little complaint, if any, against the committee; on the contrary, a good deal of satisfaction has been expressed that so many opportunities could be placed in their way. It is specially worthy of notice that all the men who left college last year and were licensed by our church, are now settled in England. It will be seen from the number of Probationers and vacancies, that the supply of Probationers eligible for appointment to vacant charges is not at all equal to the wants of the church, and your Committee have been under the necessity, as in previous years, of calling in help from other quarters. This state of matters will be partially remedied by the accession of licentiates to the list at the close of the present college session.

I. *The names of those received on the list during the year:—*

Rev. W. M. Smith, Probationer.	Rev. Alex. Smith, Probationer.
„ G. J. Goodman „	„ John Davidson „
„ Wm. McCraith „	„ Wm. Dunn, Minister.
„ Wm. Hareus „	

II. *Changes on the roll during the year:—*

Rev. H. McLean, removed to Roll B, in accordance with Rule 4.	
„ James Jobling „ „ „ „	
„ John Rutherford, settled in Scotland.	
„ E. Bissett, gone to Australia (N.S. Wales).	
„ Alexander King, settled in Whitehaven.	
„ W. M. Smith, „ Hull.	
„ Wm. McCraith „ Birmingham.	
„ Wm. Hareus „ Aberdare.	
„ A. Smith „ Darent.	
„ W. R. Thompson, M.A., ordained as Missionary to Formosa.	
„ John Davidson, settled in Beaumont Union.	
„ John Leal, withdrawn.	
„ G. J. Goodman, settled in Walker-on-Tyne.	
„ J. J. Thorpe, gone to Australia (N.S. Wales).	

III. *Names of those presently on Roll A, eligible for vacancies :—*

Rev. Geo. Bennett.	Rev. Thos. Stenhouse.
" Geo. Henry.	" R. J. Adamson, M.A.
" W. Weatherstone.	" S. T. Dickenson.
" F. B. Whitmore, B.A.	" Wm. Dunn.
" James Hall.	

IV. *List of present vacancies :—*

Stoke Newington.	Blackheath.	Canterbury.
Risley.	Chester.	Walsall.
Whitfield, London.	Church St., Berwick.	Redcar.
Scarborough.	Ancoats, Manchester.	St. Columba, Leeds.
Morpeth.	Grimsby.	Cheviot St., Wooler.
Pendleton.	Killingworth.	
Camden Road, London.	Forest Hill.	

V. *List of preaching stations :—*

Alderney.	Cambridge.
Penruddock.	Walton, Liverpool.
Gt. Salkeld.	Marsh Lane "
Tunley.	West Kirby "
Holy Island.	Silvertown, London.

The Committee have to request the attention of Synod to the subject matter contained in the following extract minute, and which is referred to the Supreme Court for its judgment thereon :—

Queen's Square House, Sept. 19, 1882.

It was agreed, in view of the difficulty which has arisen in the matter of jurisdiction (and without offering any opinion on the action taken in regard to this by the Presbyteries concerned) to request a decision from the Synod in regard to the proper party to deal with a case of *fama* arising against a Probationer—whether the Presbytery on whose table his papers may for the time lie, or that within whose bounds the *fama* has arisen.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

JAMES MUIR,
Convener.

XIII.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE HIGHER
INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883

IN accordance with the programme for the season 1882-83, which received the sanction of last Synod, the work of your Committee falls into two Sections—Examinations and Essays.

1. The *Examinations* on the two subjects prescribed were held all over the Church on March 12 and 13. It is not possible to say with any completeness how many of the younger members of the Church had been engaged during the winter months in the study of these subjects, because the number of ministers who have sent in a return on this head does not much exceed a fourth of the whole Church. So far as they go, however, these returns indicate 2,480 students known to be engaged in this department of the Committee's work.

The competitors who gave in their names for examination were in all 703; of whom 313 elected the New Testament subject (Acts i.-xiv.), and the remaining 390 the Old Testament one (Life of Moses). This number indicates a slight decrease from last year, which probably is not a matter for surprise, since some were likely to offer themselves in the first season of the new scheme, who had very little idea of the nature of the examination or of the standard to be attained. The falling off is, however, unimportant, and it is converted into a rise when, to the examination candidates, the essayists competing are also added.

The papers set to these candidates will be found appended to this Report (see Appendix A), so that all who care to do so may form an opinion as to the degree of acquaintance with the subjects which the examiners have deemed it right to expect. They have been drawn up by the following brethren: for the Acts, the Revs. Dr. Fraser (Convener), H. C. Wilson, M.A., and Jno. Reid, M.A., with Mr. Russell, the Editor of 'The Schoolmaster'; and for Moses, the Revs. Dr. Munro Gibson (Convener), William Limont, J. H. Boyd, B.D., and J. T. McGaw, M.A.

The results of the examinations will be laid before the Synod in a Supplementary Report (see Appendix B).

It is right to state that from more than one quarter complaints have reached your Committee that the papers hitherto set have been too

difficult for those young persons who are busily engaged all day in various occupations, as well as for those (especially in the rural districts) who are without such facilities for self-improvement as others enjoy. The Committee feel it to be of great importance to the ultimate usefulness of the plan that, on the one side, a pretty high standard of attainment should be kept up for honours; and yet, on the other, that the classes referred to, who are disadvantageously situated, should not be discouraged or even thrown out of competition altogether. More than one suggestion which have been made with a view to reconcile both these objects, occupy at present the attention of the Committee, and they hope to be able to take wise steps in this direction in the course of next season.

2. Two subjects were announced for *Essays*, one for Junior and the other for Senior writers. The number of essays sent in for competition has been forty-four, equally divided between the two classes—a result of our first venture in this direction which your Committee deem fairly satisfactory. The Senior essays, on the History of the English Bible, have been submitted for adjudication to Professor Graham, Dr. Grosart, and the Rev. A. H. Drysdale; those on the Junior subject, ‘The Life and Wars of Joshua,’ to Dr. Kennedy Moore, the Rev. J. B. Hastings, and the Rev. John Smith.

The award of these adjudicators will be announced in the Supplement. Your Committee are under obligation to various donors of prize money, through whose kindness they were enabled to offer six prizes, of value from six guineas downwards. In addition, medals and diplomas of honour will be awarded to prize takers and others on the recommendation of the adjudicators.

3. Your Committee beg to submit for the Synod’s approval the following programme for 1883–84:—

I.—SUBJECTS FOR EXAMINATION IN MARCH 1884.

1. The First Book of Samuel, Chapters I.–XV.

Text-book: Kirkpatrick’s Notes on 1st Samuel (in Cambridge Bible for Schools).

2. The Acts of the Apostles, Chapters XV.–XXVIII.

No text-book prescribed: teachers and students may avail themselves of any of the numerous accessible helps.

3. The Reformation Period.

Text-book: Witherow’s ‘History of the Reformation,’ in the *Bible Class Primers*.

Teachers are recommended to consult also Lindsay, ‘The Reformation,’ in Clark’s *Bible Class Handbooks*, and Seebohm’s ‘Era of the Protestant Revolution,’ in *Epochs of Modern History*.

II.—SUBJECTS FOR ESSAYS.

1. For Juniors: ‘John Wickliffe.’

2. For Seniors: ‘The Types of the Levitical Ritual.’

FINANCE.—The Treasurer to the scheme, Mr. Robert Wales, reports that the expenditure for 1882-3 was £85 14s and comprised printing, postage, medals, and certificates. The expense of the two latter was in this, the first year of the scheme, exceptionally heavy, amounting together to £64. The greater portion of this sum was, however, for the 'die' and 'plates'—items of expenditure which will not recur. The whole of this outlay has been cheerfully met by donations of friends in several Presbyteries of the Church.

For the year 1883-4 all the Presbyteries have been invited to contribute towards current expenses, and many have already responded.

The question of enlarging the scope of your Committee's operations has again been brought under consideration by the renewed proposal of the Home Mission Committee that the department of Sabbath Schools should be combined with the 'Higher Instruction' of young men and women who are beyond the age of most Sunday School pupils. The Committee feel that they ought no longer to resist this proposal should the Synod judge such a change to be expedient. Such an enlargement of their duties will call for (1) a slight change of name, which they think should now be 'The Committee on the Instruction of Youth,' and (2) some secured income. As the best way to obtain this latter object, and at the same time obviate other difficulties in the working of the Church's business, your Committee are prepared to take over also (if thought fit) the Day Schools under the care of Presbyteries. They believe that were the present collection understood to cover the expenses of Higher Instruction and of such aid as the Committee might extend to our Sunday Schools, as well as grants to Day Schools, it would be far more generally made over the Church at large and far more liberally responded to than at present. At all events, the plan is judged by them to be worth a trial; and there appears to be a certain fitness in thus combining in the hands of one Board the varied educational enterprises of the Church.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,

Convener.

APPENDIX A.

EXAMINATION ON MARCH 12 AND 13, 1883.

MARCH 12.—LIFE OF MOSES.

Two hours and a half allowed for answering the questions in each Division.

SENIOR DIVISION.

A.

1. (a) Mention the sources of our knowledge of Egyptian history.
(b) Give some account of the *Hyksos*; and state in what particulars the Bible story of Joseph is confirmed by the monuments of Egypt. (Value 18.)
2. Write a short note on the religion, civilisation, and culture of ancient Egypt, and the political, social, and religious condition of Israel, during the period immediately preceding the Exodus. (Value 24.)
3. Describe the three 'signs' by which the divine mission of Moses was attested, and explain the symbolic significance of each.
4. State and remove the difficulties that have been suggested in connection with—
 - (a) The request, 'Let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.'
 - (b) The direction, 'Every woman shall borrow of her neighbour,' &c.
 - (c) The declaration, 'I will harden his heart.' (Value 26.)
5. Write short, concise articles [as if for a small Bible dictionary] on—
 - (a) The Book of Exodus.
 - (b) The ten plagues.
 - (c) The ten commandments. (Value 36.)
6. Describe briefly, but in definite terms—
 - (a) The Sinaitic peninsula.
 - (b) The Plain of Rephidim.
 - (c) Mount Sinai. (Value 36.)

B.

7. Distinguish between a symbol and a type, giving three illustrations from the tabernacle service to make your meaning clear. (Value 20.)
8. (a) What precisely was the sin of which the people were guilty in the matter of the golden calf?
(b) Can you explain by what process of thought they may have been led to commit such a sin? (Value 30.)
9. (a) What do you understand by 'strange fire'?
(b) Describe the circumstances connected with the mention of it. (Value 20.)
10. Give a brief analysis of the Book of Numbers. (Value 20.)

11. 'Never before or after was the Gospel so preached under the Old Testament as when—'
 - (a) Mention the event Edersheim refers to in this way.
 - (b) Justify, if you can, this way of referring to it. (Value 30.)
12. Mention any names that occur to you, mentioned in any of the four books [Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy], into which the name EL enters as a component part; and give their meanings. (Value 30.)

JUNIOR DIVISION.

A.

1. (a) Give the names of—[i.] The 'new king' of this history. [ii.] The king under whom the Exodus took place.
- (b) [i.] Do we find on the Egyptian 'monuments' any account of the disasters sustained at the Exodus? [ii.] State the conditions which are found, and which might have been expected under the circumstances. (Value 25.)
2. (a) The river Nile. [i.] About what time of the year does the Nile begin to rise? [ii.] When does it begin to fall? [iii.] What is the height to which it must rise at Cairo to give promise of a good harvest?
- (b) The nine plagues. [i.] In which month did the first plague fall upon Egypt? [ii.] What interval elapsed between the first 'stroke' and the period immediately before the slaying of the firstborn? [iii.] What is to be noticed in connection with the last of each of the three series of plagues? (Value 25.)
3. (a) What were the 'three great observances' in force among the Israelites in Egypt which connected their religion with that of the patriarchs?
- (b) Illustrate your answer by reference to a fact in the history in connection with each of these observances. (Value 30.)
4. (a) What were the three miracles which Moses was commissioned to work, when God sent him to deliver Israel?
- (b) To what persons did each of these 'signs' specially refer?
- (c) Explain the significance of any one of the three. (Value 25.)
5. (a) How often does the expression 'hardening' occur in the history in connection with Pharaoh?
- (b) In how many of these passages is the hardening ascribed—[i.] To Pharaoh himself? [ii.] To God? (Value 15.)
6. What is the meaning of the following words?—Gershom, Horeb, Manna, Marah, Mazar, Moses, Passover, Pithom, Red Sea, Reuel, Sinai, Shur. (Value 30.)

B.

7. Moses was alone with God on Mount Sinai forty days *on two occasions*; distinguish these—
 - (a) By the nature of the revelation given.
 - (b) By the circumstances of the descent. (Value 30.)
8. Of the tabernacle made by Moses, state—
 - (a) Where the pattern was got.
 - (b) What were the compartments and contents.
 - (c) Who supplied the materials.

- (d) Who were the chief directors in the work.
 (e) What time was occupied in the construction. (Value 30.)
9. On the way from Mount Sinai to Kadesh, Moses interceded for the removal of divine judgments. State the nature of the judgments at—
 (a) Taberah.
 (b) Kibroth-hattaavah.
 (c) Hazarotha. (Value 30.)
10. The children of Israel were twice at Kadesh-barnea: state—
 (a) The interval between these occasions.
 (b) The chief incident on each occasion. (Value 25.)
11. Moses lifted up the serpent of brass upon a pole: state—
 (a) The circumstances leading to its being done.
 (b) The purpose.
 (c) The period in the journey at which this occurred. (Value 25.)
12. Why was Moses not permitted to enter the promised land? (Value 10.)

MARCH 13.—ACTS I.—XIV.

Two hours and a half allowed for answering the questions in each Division.

SENIOR DIVISION.

A.

1. Quote the commission given by our Lord to the apostles before the Ascension, and the words addressed to them by the angels. (Value 20.)
2. What Scripture is quoted in reference to Judas? and how was his place filled up? (Value 20.)
3. Explain the following expressions:—
 (a) The promise of the Father.
 (b) The head of the corner.
 (c) All the words of this life.
 (d) A murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews.
 (e) The Libertines. (Value 30.)
4. What quotations from the Psalms occur in chapters ii.-iv., and what use is made of them? (Value 30.)
5. Who were the Sadducees? and how do you account for their intense hostility to the preaching of the apostles? (Value 22.)
6. Give in your own words the general drift of Stephen's address to the council. (Value 30.)

B.

7. What mention is made of Azotus, Lydda, Iconium? (Value 25.)
8. What sorcerers are mentioned, and how were they dealt with? (Value 25.)
9. Illustrate from other Scriptures the following phrases:—
 (a) Gall of bitterness.
 (b) A chosen vessel unto Me.
 (c) Down by [through] the wall in a basket.
 (d) Seven nations in the land of Canaan. (Value 28.)
10. How did the gift of the Holy Ghost stand related to the rite of baptism, at Jerusalem, at Samaria, and at Cæsarea? (Value 20.)

11. Who are said to have been 'filled with' or 'full of' the Holy Ghost?
and on what occasions? (Value 25.)
 12. State what you know of the two Antiochs in which St. Paul
ministered. (Value 25.)
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JUNIOR DIVISION.

A.

1. State briefly what you know about Theophilus, Olivet, Barsabas,
Theudas, Gamaliel. (Value 25.)
2. Explain the following phrases :—
 - (a) A Sabbath day's journey.
 - (b) The field of blood.
 - (c) The day of Pentecost.
 - (d) The tabernacle of witness. (Value 20.)
3. What passages from the Psalms did St. Peter quote on the day of
Pentecost? and what use did he make of those passages? (Value 30.)
4. Describe briefly a miracle wrought at the gate of the Temple; or,
Describe the trial and death of Stephen [without the speech]. (Value 30.)
5. Give the names and titles applied to Christ in Acts i.—vii. (Value 25.)
6. How do you account for the severity shown to Ananias and Sapphira?
(Value 20.)

B.

7. Give the order of events in St. Paul's life from his conversion till his
escape in a basket from Damascus. (Value 23.)
8. 'God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common.' Give
context, and explain. (Value 25.)
9. 'The disciples were called Christians.' Where? Wherefore? Why
is 'Christian' called a hybrid form? (Value 20.)
10. Name in order the places visited by St. Paul on his first missionary
tour, and mention his companions. (Value 22.)
11. Describe what occurred at Lystra. (Value 30.)
12. Explain—
 - (a) Religious proselytes.
 - (b) Suffered He their manners.
 - (c) Simony.
 - (d) The deputy.
 - (e) The reading of the law and the prophets. (Value 30.)

APPENDIX B.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

THIS Supplementary Report contains the awards of the Examiners on the Essay subjects prescribed by last Synod, together with the results of the examinations held on March 12th and 13th. There is this year a slight increase in the number of congregations taking part in the examinations, and a more decided increase in the number of ministers' Bible Classes represented. Various methods of preparation have been adopted besides ordinary class instruction. Several ministers lectured at their Sabbath evening service, or at their week-day service, or at both, on the subjects chosen by the Committee. Some prescribed essays on successive sections of the work. A considerable number set weekly or occasional written questions. In one case the young men of the congregation met weekly and discussed the subjects prescribed, while the magic lantern was in more than one instance called in to increase the interest of class study. It is worthy of notice that some ministers held two classes weekly in order to prepare candidates on both subjects. These notes are taken from the returns furnished to the Committee by about a fourth of the congregations of the Church, representing 2,480 students. The returns for the entire Church indicate 6,725 attending 'Bible Classes.'

The Reports of the Examiners of Essays will be read with much interest, as they furnish evidence of considerable literary talent, waiting encouragement and opportunity. The number of medals awarded to essayists exceeds the Committee's most sanguine expectations.

The following table indicates the sources and distribution of candidates for examination :—

Presbytery	No. of Congregations.	MOSES		ACTS		TOTAL	
		Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	1833	1882
Darlington . . .	8	9	12	16	16	53	61
Northumberland . .	4	1	1	7	11	20	13
Bristol . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manchester . . .	8	33	13	29	10	85	72
Berwick . . .	1	5	6	—	—	11	13
Carlisle. . .	5	12	9	5	7	33	49
London. . .	26	45	74	77	54	250	300
Newcastle . . .	8	33	15	21	18	87	74
Birmingham. . .	9	24	20	18	3	65	43
Liverpool . . .	13	46	32	12	9	99	97
	82	208	182	185	128	703	722

Last year 74 congregations took part in the examinations, as against 82 this year. Several competitors have entered from other denominations, but these have been included in the congregations in connection with whose classes they studied. There were this year 102 diets of examination at 77 centres, as compared with 92 diets of examination at 55 centres last year.

It will be seen that, of the 208 juniors who gave in their names for

examination on 'the Life of Moses,' 89 have obtained certificates—29 with 'distinction' and 8 with medals. Of 182 senior candidates on the same subject, 83 have obtained diplomas—19 with 'distinction' and 3 with medals.

On 'Acts' 185 juniors entered, of whom 76 have obtained certificates—19 with 'distinction' and 5 with medals. In the senior division 128 sent in their names, of whom 73 have obtained diplomas—27 with 'distinction' and 8 with medals. Thus 321 have received awards—94 with 'distinction' and 24 with medals. The success of the essayists is yet more striking, especially in the junior section.

The Committee have again to record their deep sense of the value of the services of the corresponding members and the superintendents of examination, to whom the successful arrangement and conduct of the examinations are so largely due. The Examiners have had most arduous work, for which the Church as a whole owes them the deepest gratitude, as the success of the scheme has very largely depended on their wise and efficient labours.

The following Report has been received from the Rev. Professor Graham, D.D., on the Senior Essays:—

'I have the greatest pleasure in reporting, along with the Rev. Dr. Grosart and Mr. Drysdale, our reading of the twenty-two essays on 'The Various Versions of the English New Testament.' They were all conceived in a fine spirit, and the very effort in each case must have been an intellectual and spiritual gain, even when the essays are not more formally signalised. The three that, with a most gratifying unanimity, and independently of each other's judgment, were placed as the three worthy of the money prizes, were of a character thorough in thought, vigorous in expression, and in various ways full of information. The medallists were in one or two cases not very far beneath them, and there were not above one or two of the whole twenty-two that did not reach, or nearly so, the number of marks needed to gain honourable mention. Such a competition has thus borne good fruit already, and must, we are sure, bear it more abundantly, and in ways we cannot foresee, in years to come.

W. GRAHAM.'

Dr. Kennedy Moore reports, in reference to the Junior Essays:—

'On behalf of my co-adjutors and myself, I have to report that we received twenty-two essays on 'The Life and Wars of Joshua;' and I enclose the results of our examination and valuation of them. Only three out of that number fell below 50 per cent., while no fewer than five were deemed worthy of being ranked in the highest class. The essays, taken as a whole, gave proof of much diligence and careful study, and in several instances the style possessed a good deal of force and literary finish. We have had much pleasure in going over them, and think they present a result which cannot fail to be satisfactory to the Committee and to the Church.

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 Webster, George W. G., 34 Prospect Street, Hull.
 Wilson, Francis Henry, 3 Clifton Terrace, Workington.
 Wilson, Ralph, 20 Lister Street, Hull.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Examiners { J. RUSSELL, Esq., London.
Rev. H. C. WILSON, M.A., Eastbourne.

MEDALS.

For Papers reaching the value of 90 per cent.

Gillie, Robert Calder (292), 2 Westoe Crescent, South Shields.
Storror, Isabella Mary (279), Newgate House, Chester.
Starkey, Marian Sarah (278), Alderbrook Road, Clapham Common, London.
Struthers, Henry Dickson (273), 56 Oakley Street, Crewe.
Davies, Annie Mary (271), 45 Hope Street, Liverpool.

WITH DISTINCTION.

For Papers reaching values between 75 and 90 per cent.

Barrett, Minnie, 94 Edgware Road, Hyde Park, London.
Baker, Edward Thomas, 80 High Park Road, Smethwick.
Cairns, William Murray, 58 Princes Road, Liverpool.
Cockshut, Flossie, Craven Park, Willesden, London.
Crombie, Henry, 26 Cromwell Street, Hull.
Ewing, Alexander, Narrowgate Street, Alnwick.
Fenton, Marion, 7 Summergangs Terrace, Hull.
Fountain, Alice Mary, 4 Conduit Vale, Greenwich.
Gardner, Alex. G., 3 Celia Road, Tufnell Park, London.
Grant, Margaret, The Forbury, Reading.
Grossmith, Ada, The Birklands, Hilsea, Portsmouth.
Hastings, Annie, 43 Pepper Street, Chester.
Holmes, Kate, Bellevue Terrace, Southsea, Portsmouth.
Kidney, Allan Ferguson, Lower Broomfield, Cheatham Hill, Manchester.
Knox, David, 6 Bath Street, South Shields.
Milligan, Maggie, 23 Lion Terrace, Portsea, Portsmouth.
Roy, John Turnbull, 61 Cheatham Hill Road, Manchester.
Sutherland, F. S., 140 Belmont Road, Liverpool.
White, Florence Kate, St. Andrew's Road, Southsea, Portsmouth.

CERTIFICATES.

For Papers reaching values between 50 and 75 per. cent.

Bateman, Blossie, 2 Southern Villas, Southsea, Portsmouth.
Beveridge, James M., 27 Springdale Road, Stoke Newington.
Bignell, Nellie, Oakley, Elmgrove, Southsea, Portsmouth.
Body, Eva, High Street, Portsmouth.
Cameron, Frances, 31 Albion Street, Hull.
Campbell, William James, Broomfield, Smethwick.
Cochrane, Charles, Barbourne Terrace, Worcester.
Cochrane, Jessie W., Grovehill Road, Beverley.
Cockburn, John William, 10 George Street, North Shields.
Cross, Sydney Robert, Hayesleigh, New Barnet, London.
Cuff, Emma, 45 Belsize Road, London, N.W.
Currie, Robert, 8 Islington Square, Salford, Manchester.
Davidson, Wilhelmina J., 45 Douglas Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Drew, Florence E., 77 Gloucester Place, Hyde Park, London.
 Ellison, Charles Benjamin, 89 Goddard Street, Crewe.
 Farren, John, Windmill Lane, Smethwick.
 Filmer, Thomas Samson, 4 Brookfield Terrace, Highgate Newtown, London.
 Gamble, Sarah, 23 Milton Street, South Shields.
 Grocott, Jessie E., High Street, Neston, Chester.
 Hogg, Jeannie, 20 Padwell Road, Southampton.
 Howsin, John Herbert, 2 Lord Street, Lower Broughton, Manchester.
 Jenkins, Edgar S., 15 Samuel Street, Crewe.
 Keeler, Emma, 28 Annandale Road, Greenwich.
 Lees, Margaret Anne, 30 Parkholme Road, Clapton, London.
 Malcolm, Edith Elizabeth, 3 Charlotte Terrace, South Shields.
 Mason, William T., 82 Cedar Road, Southampton.
 McBride, John, 59 Albert Street, Crewe.
 Miller, Catherine, Park Villa, Park Place, Highbury, London.
 Milligan, Herriette, Lion Terrace, Portsmouth.
 Milne, Lizzie J., 28 Pernbury Avenue, Tottenham.
 Moffat, Eliza, 56 Arthur Street, Penrith.
 Murray, Tom, 14 Belgrave Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Oakeshott, Agnes, Lytton Road, New Barnet, London.
 Oliver, Jane, 11 Hedley Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Paterson, William, 21 James Street, Hull.
 Paton, John Hossock, Lister Road, New Barnet, London.
 Rice, Florence, Duncan Road, Southsea, Portsmouth.
 Ritchie, Helen, Dispensary Street, Alnwick.
 Robertson, William, 4 Richmond Terrace, Hull.
 Round, Mary Ellen, Price Street, Smethwick.
 Sim, Agnes Leslie, 88 Glenarm Road, Clapton, London.
 Stark, John, 82 Ockendon Road, London, N.
 Starkey, Alice Maud, Alderbrook Road, Clapham Common, London.
 Storrar, Jane Morrison, Newgate House, Chester.
 Sutherland, Grace, 140 Belmont Road, Liverpool.
 Telford, Emma J., Fenkle Street, Alnwick.
 Thompson, Alice Elizabeth, 23 Queen Street, Hull.
 Wakeley, Jessie Blanche, 111 Alexandra Road, St. John's Wood, London.
 Waters, Isabell, 4 Bignor Street, Manchester.
 Willits, Mary, 29 Dixon Street, South Shields.
 Windebank, William, 2 Holly Mount, Avenue Road, Southampton.
 Young, Elizabeth H., 132, Frederick Street, South Shields.

ESSAYS.

SENIOR SUBJECT.

‘ENGLISH VERSIONS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.’

MEDALS.

Unmack, E. C., 5 Ennersdale Road, Lewisham, London (1st Prize, Six Guineas).
 Stewart, George Stephen, Till Cottage, Spittal, Berwick-on-Tweed (2nd Prize, Four Guineas).
 Clark, Kate D., 38 Argyle Square, London, W.C. (3rd Prize, Two Guineas).

Henderson, Frances J., 108 Woodland Road, Glasgow.
Lattimore, Robert, 149 Jefferson Street, Newcastle.
Moir, Charles Robert, 166 Brockley Road, Brockley, London.

WITH DISTINCTION.

Fenton, Isa, 126 Hindpool Road, Barrow-in-Furness.
Graham, Lilius, 35 Grosvenor Place, London.
Voak, S., 17½ Alfred Street, Newtown, Southampton.
Wilson, —, Devon Terrace, Swansea.

DIPLOMAS.

Cameron, Alise, Training College, Stockwell Road, Clapham, London.
Cuthbert, James C., Buxton Road, Rockferry.
Elliot, Eliza, Horncliffe, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Kerr, Martha Irvine, 49 Chiswick Street, Carlisle.

JUNIOR SUBJECT.

‘THE LIFE AND WARS OF JOSHUA.’

MEDALS.

Warner, J. A., Gladstone Villa, Fallowfield, Manchester (1st Prize, Four Guineas).
McKenzie, Margaret E., 49 Sidney Street, North Shields (2nd Prize, Two Guineas).
Bone, Henry, 1F Brig Street, Barrow-in-Furness (3rd Prize, One Guinea).
Rae, Catherine, Bank Hill, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Lindsay, Margaret Jane, Lisburn Street, Alnwick.

WITH DISTINCTION.

Baker, Edward Thomas, 28 High Park Road, Smethwick.
Farren, John, Windmill Lane, Smethwick.
Gilroy, Harriet L., Camphill, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Moralee, William F., 5 Waterville Road, North Shields.
Starkey, Alice Maud, Alderbrook Road, Clapham Common, London.
Starkey, Marian Sarah, Alderbrook Road, Clapham Common, London.

CERTIFICATES.

Brown, Minnie, Ordnance Stores, South Camp, Aldershot.
Cockburn, John William, 10 George Street, North Shields.
Darling, Jessie, Luscombe House, Macaulay Road, Clapham, London.
Doig, George MacLean, 55 Cheltenham Street, Barrow-in-Furness.
Hunter, Johnson, 41 Sidney Street, North Shields.
Telford, Emma J., Fenkle Street, Alnwick.
Woolacott, Nellie, 43 West Sunnyside, Sunderland.

‘Joshua an Example of true Courage.’—Name not furnished.

XIV.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
TEMPERANCE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

YOUR Committee have pleasure in reporting that the past year has been one of remarkable progress in the cause of temperance reformation. Public opinion has been developing rapidly as to the character of the drink itself and the fallacy of regarding it as needful for health and active work.

The national drink bill is palpably decreasing. Coffee-rooms where refreshments may be had apart from alcohol increase in number and attractiveness. Petitions to Parliament multiply in favour of Sunday closing, and new manifestations have been given of the possibility of reclaiming those who had fallen into intemperance. To some of us who have been interested in the abstinence cause for more than half a century, and who were almost driven to despair of seeing anything effectual done to deliver our land from the disgrace and degradation of drunkenness, it now seems as if the time to favour England had come, the set time.

We place in the forefront among means that have contributed last year to striking success the prominence given to the Gospel by temperance advocates.

We can recollect the time when those who stood forward to plead for abstinence were in many cases inclined to keep out of view the Cross and the Crucified One.

They felt aggrieved because the Church was so largely ignoring the misery that came by intoxicating drink, in some cases even condemning the principles they espoused, and in their turn they were tempted to slight the ministry and that preaching to which they had devoted their lives. Now, however, in the 'Blue Ribbon Army' meetings, and amongst others who are prosecuting the cause of reform, the Bible is read, prayer offered, and Christ proclaimed as the only Saviour. This has been to many who came to hear 'glad tidings of great joy.' They are told that there is forgiveness for all the past, through the blood of Christ, and strength in Him, by which they may be enabled to 'go and sin no more.' The consequence is, that in various parts of the country, in connection with mission services, men and women who were wallowing in the mire have had their feet set upon a rock, and instead of enticing each other to sin, are now praying and working for strengthening and saving others who need their help.

It is worthy of note that Mr. Moody in Glasgow devoted afternoons and evenings for two weeks to those who had been addicted to drink, and such was his success that 936 men who had fallen professed to give themselves to the Lord, and the latest intelligence received says that very few of them had gone back. Turning to reports received from Presbyteries in the Free Church, we find them full of encouragement. That from Dundee states that the movement there 'is thought to be the greatest that has ever stirred this large community.' 'There were three leading features which characterised the Dundee meetings—the presence of the Provost at so many of them, the presence of so many ministers of the Gospel, over thirty-five of whom had put on the "blue ribbon," and the excellent spirit which Mr. Murphy infused into all concerned in the movement. It was not fable, but sober fact, that as a consequence of this movement more than thirty-four thousand people had put their names to the total abstinence pledge in Dundee. These were absolutely new recruits, as, including old abstainers, more than fifty-five thousand persons had been decorated with the badge of blue.'

In Forfar, it is added, the results have been in proportion to the population still more remarkable, and have hitherto proved, on the whole, to be of a lasting character. In the Highlands, the temperance cause has made notable progress during the past twelve months. Excellent work has been done by the 'Highland Temperance League,' founded in January, 1880. The basis of this society is religious, and it has been cordially supported by ministers and members of the Free Church throughout the Highlands. The subscribing members had increased to upwards of two thousand; societies and Bands of Hope to upwards of one hundred and ten. This membership embraced every class, there being sixteen doctors, fifty teachers, eighty ministers of the Gospel, and several landed proprietors, and large employers of labour in the number. These are a few examples selected from the report of the Free Church Committee as furnished to the last Assembly, and kindly sent to us, of the Temperance work accomplished in Scotland.

From the same we learn that the three prominent Scottish Presbyterian Churches are agreed in regarding the public-house and social drinking customs as a hindrance to the Gospel and the public weal.

They, therefore, unitedly labour and co-operate in seeking to banish intemperance from Scottish soil.

Turning to England, it may be said all the Churches are united in this common object, seeking to rescue the fallen and strengthen those who have but little strength.

The Dean of Canterbury, speaking lately in the Metropolitan Tabernacle, said, 'In my city of Canterbury a little time ago we had a "Blue Ribbon" Mission. It was held in the large place where they show the fat cattle at Christmas, which was supposed to be much too large. They put chairs for about 4,000 sitters, and standing room for any number beyond. The mission lasted for nearly a fortnight, and every night that big place was filled, and large numbers came and took the "blue ribbon," and subscribed to the pledge. At Ramsgate we were obliged to have an overflow meeting, because the room was entirely

incapable of holding the people, though the largest in the place was hired. They came not to hear this speaker, or that, but because they were so interested in the cause. I think it is a sign of the times. We are not prepared to let people say, this is a secondary question—we say, it is the great question of the time, and we will carry it to victory; and as soon as we have gained the victory here we will attack some other vice, and never stop till this country is won for moral purity, and for the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.'

At the same meeting, the Rev. C. Garrett, President of the Wesleyan Conference, represented Methodism; the Rev. Dr. McFadyen, ex-chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, represented Congregationalism; and the Rev. J. P. Chown, President-elect of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, represented that denomination, all of them being sturdy abstainers.

Mr. Garrett said of Intemperance, 'It is a terrible evil, and it is as vast as terrible.' It has almost the attribute of omnipresence. Whither can I flee from its presence? In the city, it is there. In the towns, it is there. In the villages, it is there. In the hamlets, it is there, and wherever two or three are met together, the drink curse seems to be resting upon us. What said our own Methodist Magazine on this subject? It says, 'It is our settled conviction that more of our ministers and members have been degraded by the sin of intemperance than by any other sin.'

The Rev. P. Chown not only declared his own firm adhesion to abstinence principles, but said that, 'whereas two years ago they had only about 400 abstaining ministers, these numbered at the present moment 736.' Also that, in their theological colleges, there are about 290 students, and that nearly 250 of them are total abstainers. A travelling secretary is engaged in promoting the cause, of whom Mr. Chown testifies, that he has been abundantly useful and blessed in every part of the country to which he has gone.

Turning to our own Church, the following facts are furnished from the presbyteries named:—

Liverpool.—The statistics of the Liverpool Presbytery that have reached your Convener show seventeen Temperance Societies and twenty-seven Bands of Hope. The number of members contained in these is not given, except in some two instances, one naming fifty, and another from seven to eight hundred.

With regard to results, the following words are employed, 'Gratifying,' 'Striking,' 'Good, with disappointments,' 'Most successful,' 'Some have been reclaimed from drunkenness,' 'Several have through this means become hearers of the Word,' &c. It is known also to the Convener that ministers who were not formerly personal abstainers have become such, that they might put themselves at the head of Bands of Hope, or other societies.

London.—The Convener reports, as the result of circular sent out, several sessions considered the matter, held conferences, started societies and Bands of Hope. A considerable number sent returns, from which it appears there are adult societies, on total abstinence principles ten, six in mission districts, four in Congregations. On dual basis twelve;

Bands of Hope and kindred societies, thirty-eight; thirteen confined to missions. Some Congregations have two.

Birmingham.—During the past year the Presbytery petitioned Parliament in favour of Mr. Stevenson's Sunday Closing Bill for England, and of Sir W. Lawson's Local Option motion.

Temperance sermons have been generally preached by the ministers.

The regular Temperance efforts in connection with our Congregations are mainly directed to training the young in abstinence. The Bands of Hope in which this is done are in general in a vigorous condition, and several of them have largely increased in numbers. At Nottingham there is a large proportion of adult members.

Most successful United Gospel Temperance Missions have been held during the year at Walsall, Birmingham, Dudley, Nottingham, and Wolverhampton, and are known to have resulted in the reclamation of very many drunkards, as well as in the wide spread of abstinence among professing Christians on the ground of expediency. Considerably over 100,000 new pledges on the part of old and young were taken in these places during the missions, and many have been enrolled since in the ranks of this great 'Blue Ribbon' movement. Our ministers have generally sympathised with and taken part in this at present most popular form of temperance work; but it does not seem to have been followed up as well as it might have been by Congregational activity. At Stafford there is a Gospel Temperance meeting every Saturday night in the Presbyterian schoolroom.

No record has been received of the vigorous life of any Temperance society within the bounds on the double basis.

Newcastle.—The Convener of the Committee in this Presbytery reports that they have issued suggestions as to the practicability of assembling Bands of Hope connected with adjoining Congregations in one place, to be addressed by members of the Committee and others; and secondly, that Commissions to Congregations be reminded to keep especially in view in their visits the furtherance of temperance work in the congregations.

Sunday Closing Bills for the counties of Durham and Northumberland being in preparation for the present Parliament, the Convener was authorised to bring the facts before the Presbytery and request petitions in favour of the same. The Committee, having issued inquiries as to Congregational organisations for temperance work, have received intimation of about twenty societies, or Bands of Hope, and believe there are a number of others which are not reported. The Convener adds, from these returns, it appears that the dual basis recommended by the Synod has not been very favourably received by this Presbytery. But there is, nevertheless, a fair amount of earnest work being done in the temperance movement, which it is to be hoped will be largely increased, the present county movements warranting this hope.

JAMES TOWERS,

Convener.

XV.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROVISION
FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR SOLDIERS
AND SAILORS, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

WITHOUT exception all the Acting Chaplains of the Church have responded to the invitation of the Committee, and sent in a report bearing upon their work during the past year.

Owing to the war in Egypt and the continued necessity for military vigilance in Ireland, the home garrisons have been so much reduced that the majority of the reports contain few outstanding features calling for notice in your Committee's Report.

Of this description are the reports from the Acting Chaplains at Bradford, Carlisle, Chatham, Eastbourne, Gravesend, Guernsey, Jersey, Norwich, Liverpool, Preston, Reading, Sheffield, Shrewsbury, and Sunderland.

The Rev. S. Huston, *Alderney*, reports that a Sergeant and Corporal of Artillery have been received into fellowship with the Church ; and that the latter, who is the schoolmaster at the Fort, has taken charge of the senior class of boys at the Sabbath School, and begun a Temperance Society among the men. Mr. Huston conducts a Service every Tuesday evening at Fort Tourgis, and this is attended by others as well as Presbyterians ; some Roman Catholics are also occasionally present.

Mr. Fraser, *Brighton*, reports that he has admitted two soldiers to Church membership, and has had a good deal of work in the hospital among the 4th Royal Dragoon Guards, after returning from Egypt. The general public of Brighton was very careful to furnish the hospital with comforts, and good books, sacred and secular. Mr. Fraser remarks that several officers and men are zealous total abstainers.

Mr. Jeffrey, *Ipswich*, reports that his work has been pleasant but uneventful. One young Presbyterian soldier died during the year, and Mr. Jeffrey has good reason to believe that his ministrations were blessed to the young man's eternal good.

Mr. Scammell, *Stafford*, reports that he labours under great difficulties as an Acting Chaplain, seeing that the troops have been removed from Stafford to new barracks at Lichfield. He keeps up a correspondence, which is read to the men, and spends an afternoon with them occasionally. The recruits are quartered in Stafford till they have completed their preliminary drill, and so long as they remain in the town they are marched to his church on the Sunday.

Mr. Wood, *Plymouth*, reports as follows: 'My report for the year 1882 as Acting Chaplain both for soldiers and sailors must be brief, as it is uneventful. The usual course has been pursued during the year. Services and Bible classes on the Sabbath, the hospitals, both naval and military, visited during the week, and a class held each Wednesday for the religious instruction of soldiers' children. Colonel Anderson, R.A., a son of the late General Anderson, for many years an Elder at Woolwich, who is a member of my Church, is a most active and successful worker for the Lord among the soldiers. He visits the Soldiers' Home almost daily, conducts evangelistic services, presides at temperance meetings, &c. &c. An Officers' Bible Reading has been held at the Soldiers' Home; this I have attended when convenient. The average of Presbyterian soldiers at this garrison during the year has been only ninety-one, and the average number of sailors and marines has been 171. The visit of Messrs. Moody and Sankey was blessed to a very large number of our soldiers, some Presbyterians among the rest. Mr. Warnock, Warrington, reports that a copy of the "Messenger" was given monthly to each Presbyterian soldier.'

Your Committee have given Mr. Wood's report almost in its entirety, owing to the importance and extent of his labours, and they have great pleasure in doing the same, upon a similar principle, with that of Dr. Raitt of Woolwich.

Dr. Raitt reports as follows: 'My duties during the year 1882 have been full of interest, but very onerous. An unusual number of cases have required to be attended to in the hospital, especially since the conclusion of the Egyptian war. In addition to the invalids of the Royal Artillery, Royal Horse Artillery, and other troops regularly stationed at Woolwich, I have had not a few soldiers of the Highland regiments which took part in the war, and of the Scots Guards, several of whom were most seriously wounded. I am glad to say that none of our Presbyterian soldiers died of their wounds, although we lost one stalwart Guardsman from enteric fever induced by the climate. The highest number of Presbyterians in the hospital in any one week was fifty-four, and the average number was about thirty. My Sabbath afternoon service in the church attached to the hospital (which is also used by the Church of England Chaplain) has been well attended by the convalescents, men of other denominations frequently attending. The number of men in the garrison belonging to our Church has fluctuated considerably during the year, the average being 330. But this number by no means represents the additional duties imposed on me by my Military Connexion. A large number of women and children have to be added, besides the wives and families of those who remain in the Army of Occupation in Egypt. I have a class of soldiers' sons on

Tuesday mornings, averaging thirty-two in number, and a class of soldiers' daughters on Wednesday mornings, the average number in attendance being twenty-three. There are also in residence here many pensioners belonging to our Church, who are unable to pay for sittings, or in any way to contribute to ordinances, who, nevertheless, make large demands on my time and services. Notwithstanding all drawbacks, no part of my duties brings with it so much reward as that among the troops, and from week to week I get glad evidence that my labours have not been in vain.'

Mr. Collie, *York*, reports that he has had considerable success in dealing personally with the men in his own house, that two backsliders have been restored in answer to prayer, and a hospital sergeant brought to a saving knowledge of the truth.

Your Committee are much gratified to think that the different Acting Chaplains give evidence of taking a lively interest in their difficult, but interesting and important work. Tract distribution seems to be largely pursued, and the men, with the families in the married quarters, are invited to social meetings, lectures, &c. It is also a highly encouraging feature in a number of the reports that the sympathies of the men are enlisted on behalf of total abstinence. When it is remembered what great temptations are offered to soldiers to over-indulgence in strong drink, and that strong drink is the fertile source of crime in the army—as it is also in civil life—the Committee feel that, next to the preaching of the Gospel, the Chaplains could not better execute their office than by frequently and solemnly warning the men under their charge of the evils of intemperance, and affectionately exhorting and helping them to place themselves beyond temptation by becoming and continuing total abstainers. 'For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.'

The Synod of 1882 recommended that where possible, Sunday Services should be supplied to the Militia Regiments when called out for the annual training.

So far as has come to the knowledge of your Committee, this recommendation has only been carried out in the case of the linked battalions of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Regiments. Your Convener, who was kindly assisted by the Revs. J. M. Bonnar, Harrington, and John Tannahill, M.A. Penrith, conducted Divine Service on three successive Sundays on Brackenber Moor in Westmoreland, during portions of June and July. The Parade Services were well attended, and on the Sunday evening before the encampment was broken up the Convener conducted a voluntary Field Service midway between the two camps, which was largely attended by officers, men, and civilians. The officers gave the hospitality of tent and mess-room after their kind and characteristic fashion, and in return to letters of thanks sent by the direction of the Presbytery of Carlisle, the Adjutants of the respective regiments replied, under the direction of the Colonels Commanding, expressing their appreciation of the services rendered by the Chaplains, bearing testimony to the thankfulness of the men that as Presbyterians

they had not been overlooked in the matter of religious privilege, and requesting that the same attention should be given at subsequent musters.

Your Committee, aided by the good offices of Dr. Fraser, have for some time been in communication with the War Office, and have made such representations to Mr. Childers, the Minister for War, as, they hoped, might induce the Department to appoint Commissioned Chaplains from the Presbyterian Church of England. It was thought by your Committee that such an arrangement would be equitable, owing to the circumstance that the majority of the Presbyterian troops in England are under the supervision of ministers of this Church, who hold a regular appointment from the War Department as Acting Chaplains. Up to the present time, however, as the subjoined correspondence will show, the application has not been successful.

In October, a memorial, drafted by Dr. Fraser, and signed by the Convener and members of your Committee, elicited the following reply :—

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT, WAR OFFICE,
December 7, 1882.

SIR.—Mr. Secretary Childers has had under his consideration your letter of October 31st enclosing a memorial from the Committee on the subject of the appointment of Chaplains, appointed by the Presbyterian Church of

England. I am to inform you that as the main body of Presbyterian soldiers doubtless belong either to the Scotch or Irish Presbyterian Churches, the Secretary of State thinks it right that the commissioned Chaplains of that denomination should be selected from those bodies.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

H. Y. DEEDES.

Rev. Dr. Fraser,
3 Cambridge Square, Hyde Park, W.

In the following month another application, bearing upon our relation to the Presbyterian troops, was answered by the annexed communication :—

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT, WAR OFFICE,
December 11, 1882.

SIR,—I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, stating that the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England was prepared to send a Minister to the Isle of Wight to officiate to the Presbyterian troops, and in reply I am to acquaint you that arrangements had already been made for providing a Presbyterian Minister for the Regiment at Parkhurst.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
H. Y. DEEDES.

Rev. Dr. Fraser,
3 Cambridge Square, Hyde Park, W.

Although hitherto unsuccessful in the above-mentioned matter, your Committee have been encouraged and recommended not to lose sight of the object they have in view, and under fitting circumstances they will not fail to urge what they look upon as being their claim in equity.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

JAMES CHRISTIE,
Convener.

Recommendation of the Committee:—*That the Committee be re-appointed and recommended to continue their labours for the moral and spiritual well-being of Presbyterian Soldiers and Sailors.*

XVI.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

YOUR Committee report that the Journals of the Church have been issued regularly during the year.

The circulation of the 'Messenger' has risen to 17,000 copies a month. There is yet much room for a great increase in the circulation in some of our Congregations. Apart from the loss sustained by every member who remains ignorant of the Church's work at home and abroad, the small number of copies which find their way to some Congregations seriously affects the Committee's work, because the 'Messenger' is thus prevented from covering its own expenses. Last year the gross profit on this journal amounted to £127 11s. 1½*d.*, which is £65 less than the previous year. This is to some extent accounted for by the reduced amount obtained for advertisements. A real interest taken in the 'Messenger' by the Minister, or by some Elder in these Congregations, would secure a circulation that would make the journal pay, and would enable the Committee to restore to the editor the two pages which have for some time been given up to advertisements.

The circulation of the 'Children's Messenger' is now at 28,000, being an increase of a thousand over last year; but this is due, not to the extension of the circulation at home, but to the number sent to New South Wales being increased to 4,000. The gross profit on this little journal is £147 10s.

The trading account has this year yielded a gross profit of £192 11s. 0¼*d.*, but against the increase has to be placed a considerable addition to the expenditure, incurred chiefly in the work of publishing the 'Outlook,' on which, however, there has been a small profit.

These sources of revenue have enabled the Committee not only to meet the increased expenditure and to clear off a balance of £40 which stood against them at the beginning of the year, but to carry to the credit of 1883 a small balance amounting to £14 13s. 9*d.* The Committee are thankful that they are able to report so satisfactory a financial result of their year's work.

The Committee desire to point out that other charges, in addition to those proper to publishing, have been paid out of the profits of the 'Messengers,' for they have, under the authority of the Synod, for years posted to every Minister in the Church an early copy of both 'Messengers,' at an annual cost of nearly £25.

In the early part of the year the Committee issued the edition of the 'Shorter Catechism' with proofs, which had been for some time in preparation, and they have the satisfaction of reporting that the whole expense connected with the preparation and publication of the editions of the 'Shorter Catechism' issued by them has been covered by the sale which they had secured up till the end of 1882, except the trifling sum of 1s. 8½*d.* The text is a careful reprint of the first edition issued in 1647, for the use of Parliament, and several errors that occur in all editions now in use have been corrected. The Committee believe that the special features of these editions, which they have designated 'Westminster Editions,' as well as the low price at which they are published, should command for them a large circulation.

Since 1877 the Committee have had before them the Synod's instructions as to books and stationery for the use of the various courts and committees of the Church, and the preparation of certificate forms, and other necessary documents. Being hitherto unable, from want of funds, to undertake this work, they had selected and kept in stock the best forms prepared by others, but they hope soon to face this important department of work committed to them.

'Our Sisters in other Lands' has been regularly published for the Women's Missionary Association.

The Committee have issued a third and almost entirely re-written edition of Mr. Donald Matheson's 'Narrative of the Church's Mission in China.' The author undertook the pecuniary responsibility. The Committee were able to illustrate the work from woodcuts in their possession. They trust that the edition will be speedily sold. It is the only volume which contains a succinct account of the China Mission, and should be in the hands of all who seek to follow intelligently the important work which the Lord has given us to do for Him in China.

On behalf of the Committee on the Higher Instruction of Youth, the works recommended in connection with the examinations and essays of this year have been distributed by the Committee; and some work has been undertaken for the Committee on Temperance.

The amount received for the Capital Fund, recommended by Synod, up to the date of the preparation of this Report, was £229 17*s.* 6*d.*, contributed by five Presbyteries, viz., London, Liverpool, Darlington, Carlisle, Berwick. It is earnestly hoped that the other Presbyteries will speedily forward their contributions, and so encourage those Presbyteries which have made a good beginning to complete their work.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. MONRO GIBSON,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 321.]

XVII.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AND
HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

THE 'Book of Order,' on which so many years' patient labour has been expended, is now in the hands of the Church, and will, your Committee trust, in the words of the Synod's deliverance on the same, be found 'useful in maintaining uniformity in the procedure of the Church.' On a critical revision of the work suggestion has been made of several wants, and some errors pointed out in the inter-references. Your Committee judged that sufficient time having not yet elapsed to test the working of the 'Book of Order,' no changes should be made at present except such as are absolutely necessary, especially as the book is stereotyped; but some points of legal importance appearing to require immediate attention, they deemed it desirable to refer them to a sub-committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Edmond, Rev. W. Ballantyne, Messrs. Gainsford Bruce, Adam Young, C.B., and the Convener. Your Committee, having considered their report, have found as follows:

Under the Section 'Meetings of the Congregation,' § 34, p. 6, the 'Book of Order' states that intimation is made from the pulpit for the election of Trustees on 'two successive Sabbaths.' In the form of Minute, however, given in the Appendix, p. 83, the record refers to *an* intimation only. It seems necessary, therefore, to amend the form of Minute so as to record the intimation on *two* successive Sabbaths. Again, the Memorandum appended to the 13 and 14 Vict. c. 28, p. 117, prescribes that when a meeting is held for the election of new Trustees, the Chairman shall sign 'the minutes in the presence of the said meeting;' but neither rule § 34, p. 6, nor the form of Minute given at p. 83, refers to this important fact. It is therefore desirable to place this requirement beyond doubt.

In the 'Book of Order,' the mode of delivering a citation to an accused, in case of proceeding by libel or otherwise, is not sufficiently stated, and your Committee recommend the insertion of a clause to the following effect, viz.: 'If the citation cannot be served personally, then it should be in the discretion of the Court to order such other means to be taken as it may see fit for bringing the citation to the notice of the accused, but in no case should the Court take further proceedings until it is satisfied that the accused has had sufficient notice of the proceed-

ings to enable him to attend.' This clause should follow § 294, p. 36, and the same, together with the preceding emendations, will, with the Synod's authority, be printed in a separate page to be inserted in all the copies of the 'Book of Order.'

Other suggestions have been made to your Committee which deserve careful attention. One may be here noted—the expediency of providing for a Commission of Synod. The Presbyterian Church in England passed an Overture on the Constitution and powers of such Commission in 1848, which will be found in the Digest of the Actings and Proceedings of the Synod of that Church, 1836 to 1876, p. 34. Your Committee deem it important to take this and other questions under consideration, and ask therefore authority to consider any matters relative to the 'Book of Order' which may be laid before them from time to time, and to report on the same to the Synod.

In the preface to the 'Book of Order,' reference is made to several Ordinances, dated 1646–1648, for the settling of Presbyterian government in England; and your Committee would have deemed it desirable to give the same in full. Especially the Ordinance of the 29th August, 1648, describing the form of Church government to be used in the Church of England and Ireland, including directions for the election of Congregational Elders; concerning the triers and judges of the integrity and ability of such as are to be chosen Elders in the Province of London and the Inns of Court; the distribution of the Province of London into classical Eldership; concerning the number of the classical and Congregational Presbyteries in the several counties of the kingdom of England and dominion of Wales; concerning the number of the Provincial Assemblies; concerning the assembling of the National Assembly, and the powers of the same; the ordination of Ministers; rules for their examination, as well as for their suspension from the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and excommunication. But these ordinances are too long for insertion as an appendix to this report.

Whilst the time of your Committee was engrossed with the preparation of the 'Book of Order' they were unable to devote attention to the publication of historical documents. Now, however, that that part of their duty is accomplished, it is fit that they should lay the state of this question before the Synod. As far back as 1869 the Law and Historical Committee reported to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England that they had taken steps to collect historical information relative to all the Congregations of that Church, and the principal results of this inquiry were appended to their Report to the Synod in 1870 and 1871 and 1878; but the inquiry was not completed as regards the entire number of Congregations, and what has been done should be brought up to date and presented in a complete form. In their Report to the Synod in the year 1870 the aforesaid Committee recapitulated the events which preceded the lawsuit regarding the Lady Hewley's Charity, and Lord Brougham's Act of 1844, which prescribed that the usage of twenty-five years shall be taken as conclusive evidence of the religious doctrines, or opinions, or mode of worship, taught or observed in any meeting-house, in all cases where no particular religious doctrines, or opinions, or mode of regulating worship shall

appear on the face of any will, deed, or any instrument declaring the trust thereof. In 1873 the Committee called the attention of Synod to the labours of the late lamented Professor Lorimer on the influence of John Knox on the Reformation in England, and his relation to the Elizabethan Presbyterians in 1568, soon after the first secession from the National Church. And in 1875 they reported to Synod the desirableness of encouraging persons of literary taste, and possessing information on the progress of Presbyterianism in England, to lend their aid in the preparation of a consecutive history of the Church during three distinct periods, viz.: 1st, previous to the ejection of Nonconformist ministers in 1662; 2nd, from that period to the revival of Synodical action in the Presbyterian Church in England in 1836; and 3rd, from the revival of the Synod of that Church to the present time. The historical information sought should have reference to the opinions of eminent divines on matters connected with the constitution, doctrine, and government of the Presbyterian Church; to any controversy which may have arisen on such subjects; to the action taken by Conferences, Synods, and Assemblies therein; to the foundation of Churches and Charities for Presbyterian purposes; and to any circumstances connected with the planting or subsequent extinction of Presbyterian Congregations in any part of England, particularly the history of any existing Congregation, at one time Presbyterian, but now Unitarian, or joined to any branch of the Evangelical Church.

Your Committee are of opinion that it would be of the greatest importance to enlighten public opinion on the position and history of the Presbyterian Church of England, on which there is so much ignorance; and that it would be most desirable to secure the co-operation for that purpose of many in our Church peculiarly gifted for such historical inquiries, especially as the libraries, public and private, where many valuable materials are to be found, have been brought to light by the labours of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts; and they suggest that the Synod should authorise a moderate expenditure for the purpose of preliminary inquiries and researches.

Your Committee have more than once urged the importance of maintaining a Presbyterial oversight of the Trust Deeds belonging to the Congregations of the Church, especially for the purpose of the nomination of new trustees when necessary, and securing the due preservation of such documents. Your Committee have learned with satisfaction that the Presbytery of Carlisle has lately instituted a careful examination of all the Trust Deeds of the Congregations within its bounds, and they recommend the Synod to give such direction as may be deemed most fitting to Presbyteries respecting the present state and custody of the Title Deeds of the Churches and Church property of the Congregations within their respective bounds, and also to consider the propriety of securing one safe place of custody for the Trust Deeds of Synodical property, and of such Deeds of the property of Congregations as may be entrusted to the Synod.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend the Synod as follows:—

1. To authorise the preparation and insertion in the 'Book of Order' of directions harmonising the form of Minutes and Memorandum regarding

intimation, and signature by the Chairman, of meetings for the election of new Trustees; and also the insertion of the suggested clause regarding the delivery of citation, and a page of errata in the inter-references.

2. To consider and report on the constitution and powers of a Commission of Synod, and any matter relative to the ' Book of Order ' which may be laid before them from time to time.

3. To authorise the Committee to resume their researches on Congregational Histories.

4. And to authorise the expenditure of any sum not exceeding £25 on the collection of such materials as may be obtained bearing upon the history of the Church.

5. To direct Presbyteries to institute periodical examination of all the Trust Deeds of the Congregations within their bounds, and to consider the propriety of securing a safe place of custody for the same.

LEONE LEVI,
Convener.

XVIII.

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

THE Judicial Committee have to report that the only case, in regard to which their counsel has been sought and given, has been that which concerns the Rev. Alexander King, of Whitehaven, in the Presbytery of Carlisle; and as the issue of the case is still pending, they do not think it expedient to make further allusion to it here.

W. McCaw,
Convener.

XIX.

REPORT OF BOARD OF NOMINATION, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

THE Board of Nomination have to report that they met in the month of September; that there was a large and a widely representative attendance of members; and that with entire and cordial unanimity they nominated the Rev. John Edmond, D.D., Minister at Highbury, London, as the Moderator of the next meeting of Synod.

W. McCaw,
Convener.

XX.

REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

THE only matter specially remitted to your Committee by last Synod was the Memorial from the Presbytery of Berwick in regard to the registration of attendance and the manner of taking the vote at the meetings of Synod. In regard to the first of these matters last Synod itself took action, approving a suggestion from this Committee for the issue of members' cards, returnable to the Clerk of Synod, and the registration of the attendance of members by means of the same; and arrangements have been made for the carrying out of the proposal at the present Synod. As regards the second matter, your Committee have to report that it seems sufficiently provided for under the tenth Standing Order, and they do not deem it necessary to propose any change.

The attention of the Committee was drawn, at its first meeting, to the irregularity of attendance on the part of members of Synod during the sittings of the Court, and especially to the exceedingly small number of members frequently present during the devotional exercises; and it was agreed to bring the matter under the notice of the Synod, and to suggest that some action should be taken to remedy this grave evil.

Your Committee have had under consideration communications from the three Committees on Higher Instruction of Youth, College and Schools, and Home Mission; as a result of which they have to recommend, with the acquiescence of these Committees, that the departments of Day and Sabbath Schools be henceforth associated with that of Higher Instruction of Youth, the Committee having charge of the whole to bear the general designation, Instruction of Youth.

Further, as in the future expense will be incurred in connection with all these three departments, they have to suggest that the September collection be henceforth not for Day Schools only, but for the whole work of the Committee as thus enlarged. They have accordingly to recommend that the collections for next Synodical year stand as follows, viz.:

For Foreign Missions on the third Sabbath of May 1883.

„ Continental Work	„	„	July „
„ Instruction of Youth	„	„	Sept. „
„ The College	„	„	Nov. „
„ Jewish Mission	„	„	Jan. 1884.
„ Home Mission	„	„	March „

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

GEORGE DUNCAN,

Convener.

XXI

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN
GIVING,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

DURING the year your Committee have remained ready to assist in ventilating the subject in any quarter when asked to do so, and though they did not see it to be expedient to organise and repeat the visitation of deputies to Presbyteries and congregations, they have, as far as within their power, kept the subject before the Church. Two friends to the cause have sent out copies of 'WHY, How, and WHEN to Give,' to all our ministers, in hope of stimulating on this important subject. Among other encouragements to proceed in this matter, we rejoice to find that more than two thousand pounds of an increase is seen in the balance sheet of the Foreign Mission.

Your Committee, realising that 'Christian giving' is not legal service but the result of the power of the Spirit of grace, would, besides reminding ministers to preach on the subject, suggest that meetings for prayer should be held so that 'this grace' also may be encouraged. We have not yet heard of a 'Christian giving' prayer meeting—where confession could be made as to our lukewarmness in the matter, and earnest supplication made for its removal. This we feel to be the source of all prosperity to the cause of Christian giving, springing from Christian living.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

W. P. MACKAY,

Convener.

XXII.

REPORT OF TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

Your Committee have the honour of once more submitting the accounts of the various Funds entrusted to them duly audited as in previous years. The auditor has sent in a very full and careful report, though on that very account rather too lengthy for publication, but concluding with an expression of his judgment that the accounts on the whole are very encouraging. In this judgment your Committee desire to express their entire concurrence.

At the close of the year the balance in the hands of your Committee amounted to £6,090 12s. 1d., which was made up as follows, viz.:—

DEBIT BALANCES.			CREDIT BALANCES.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Aid and Loan Fund .	41	4 9	Foreign Missions .	1,836	19 0
Synod Fund. .	84	11 8	Home Mission .	1,314	14 11
	125	16 5	Jewish Mission .	19	14 0
			Continental Churches	367	17 2
			College .	611	14 1
			Synod Schools .	219	7 2
			Church Building .	1,708	3 4
			Aged and Infirm } Ministers . }	58	12 5
Balance with Bankers	6,090	12 1	Widows and Orphans	79	6 5
	6,216	8 6		6,216	8 6

At the close of 1880 the balance stood at £5,333 13s. 6d., and in 1881 at £6,073 3s. 6d., from which it will be seen that the balance at the Bankers' is well maintained. It will not, of course, be supposed that these sums represent the state of the Banking account throughout the year. The end of the year is, on the whole, the most favourable point in consequence of the coming in of remittances for all the funds in anticipation of the closing of the accounts. But your Committee

have at no period of the year been placed in a difficulty, the combined balances of the various accounts having always proved sufficient to meet all requirements.

It will be noticed that, with the exception of the Aid and Loan and Synod Funds, all the accounts show credit balances. To the latter of these, as one for the administration of which your Committee are directly responsible, it may be necessary to advert a little more in detail.

The charges coming on the Synod Fund are of two classes. First stand those belonging strictly to the Synod itself, including the expenses attending its meetings, the travelling expenses of its members and of deputies and corresponding members sent to other churches, its share in the cost of the Blue Book, &c. Only one of these elements varies to any extent, viz., the travelling expenses of members of Synod, which at meetings held in London amounted to from £150 to £250 more than when the Synod meets in one of the provincial cities. If we compare only the expenditure for the meetings held since the union in London, it will be found that the increase in this class of expenses scarcely exceeds £50, which is more than accounted for by the increase in the number of members of Synod owing to the growth of the Church, while it is fully met by the additional revenue thus accruing.

The second class of charges falling on the Synod Fund is for work of various kinds undertaken under the Synod's instructions, chiefly of course by Committees appointed by it, but having no funds of their own. This includes the travelling and other expenses of these Committees; special expenditure, such as that connected with the construction of the Model Trust Deed and the Book of Order, which together have cost the Synod about £200; the cost of providing the Duplicate Minutes of Presbyteries ordered by the Synod; the expense connected with the interchange of publications with the federal Church; and the Synod's proportion of office charges. It is in this department, if at all, that the Synod must retrench, for it is here that all the increase of expenditure has shown itself in recent years. Without taking account of the increased size and cost of the Blue Book last year, largely consequent on the increased space required for the reports of this class of Committees, the direct annual expenditure of the Synod for travelling and other expenses on account of them, shows a marked tendency to increase. It is, of course, for the Synod itself to judge what is necessary in this way. It should, however, be carefully remembered that every additional committee added to the present system without any special provision for its expenditure means an additional burden to a fund raised by assessment, and the undue pressure of which on the congregation of the Church is apt to cause both inconvenience and friction. While saying this, it is only right to add that as, of the last assessment of £1,350, so much as £806 5s. 11d. was returned to the congregations, in the form of travelling expenses paid to their representatives, it can scarcely be said that the assessment was for an excessive amount. Your Committee are, however, of opinion that it is extremely desirable that care should be taken not to render it necessary to increase it.

It may be convenient in this connection to indicate the probable

requirements of the Fund for next year. As will be seen from the accounts, the Fund closed last year with a debit balance of £84 11s. 8d. As the outlay for the present year will probably once more slightly exceed the income, it is pretty certain that there will be a still larger debit balance at the end of 1883. Should the Synod, however, as is anticipated, agree to hold its next meeting in one of the northern cities, the adverse balance will probably be fully counterbalanced by the saving in travelling expenses. In that case a renewed assessment at the same rate as last year—14s. 6d. per cent. on membership and ordinary revenue—will probably meet the requirements of the year. But should the Synod resolve to meet again in London, it seems impossible to meet the requirements of the Fund with a lower assessment than 15s. 6d. per cent.

Your Committee have pleasure in drawing attention to the fact that the improvement in the various funds represents, not only increased liberality on the part of contributing congregations, but a substantial increase in the proportion contributing to the various funds. The Synod of 1881 instructed your Committee to take special measures, with the view of securing a more general response to the Synodical appointments, and your Committee specially addressed the congregations and Presbyteries of the Church on the matter. The following statement will show that while there is an advance during the last two years in nearly every Fund, the result taken over all the Funds is an advance from 46 per cent. to 53 per cent. in the number of contributing congregations.

Church Funds.	Number of Congregations contributing.					
	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.
Foreign Missions	240	223	215	233	230	256
Home Mission	204	166	139	154	161	185
Jewish Mission	124	98	67	115	130	139
College	105	110	128	156	145	155
Continental Work	35	41	58	54	77	102
Synod Schools	33	33	45	43	36	5
Total	741	671	652	755	779	882
Percentage of Congregations contributing	46	42	40	46	47	53

It will be noticed that the advance has been in all the Missionary Funds, being most marked in the case of that for Continental Work, where the number of contributing congregations has steadily risen year by year from 35 in 1877 to 102 in 1882. The only fund in which there has been no advance during the last three years is, for some not very apparent reason, the College Fund, in which, however, there had been an increase of 50 per cent. in the number of contributing congregations in the three preceding years.

The measure in which the various Presbyteries have participated in the advance last year will be seen from the following table:—

Presbytery.	Mission.	Home Mission.	Jewish Mission	College	Con- fessional Work.	Synod Schools.	1882.		1881.	
							Total.	Ratio.	Total.	Ratio.
Berwick .	15	8	9	7	7	5	51	53%	47	50%
Birmingham	12	8	7	4	2	—	33	37%	28	31%
Bristol .	7	6	5	4	3	—	25	52%	20	42%
Carlisle .	14	7	3	7	3	2	35	41%	32	41%
Darlington .	18	17	7	13	2	1	58	48%	43	36%
Liverpool .	31	23	19	22	23	6	124	67%	124	67%
London .	70	52	49	47	34	14	266	57%	230	51%
Manchester	29	23	9	11	7	5	84	47%	75	42%
Newcastle .	36	25	18	21	12	5	117	45%	113	44%
Northum- berland .	24	16	13	19	10	7	89	59%	67	45%
Total .	256	185	139	155	102	45	882	53%	779	47%
1881 .	230	161	130	145	77	36			779	47%

It will thus be seen that there has been an advance in every Presbytery but that of *Liverpool*, which, however, was already largely in advance of all the other Presbyteries of the Church, and still maintains its position with an average of 67 per cent. of contributing congregations, against a general average over the whole Church of 53 per cent. There is, of course, still much room for improvement, and it is earnestly to be desired that congregations will increasingly feel the obligation resting on them to make some contribution, in one form or another, to every Fund having Synodical sanction.

It will be noted that the amount for office charges for the year was £1,151 7s. 1d. In 1878 and 1879 the office charges reported only represented a portion of a year. Taking, however, the period during which they represent complete years, they stand thus:—

	Total.	Proportion for Salaries.
1880 . . .	£1,109 18 5	£804 19 9
1881 . . .	1,118 5 7	825 1 0
1882 . . .	1,151 7 1	847 5 5
Increase .	<u>£41 8 8</u>	<u>£42 5 8</u>

It will thus be seen that, but for the necessary slight additions to salaries from year to year, there would have been no increase whatever in the cost of administration. To those who have the means of observing the vast increase in the work concentrated in the office, this result must seem eminently satisfactory. The increase for salaries would necessarily, indeed, have been greatly more, but for efficient service rendered by an esteemed elder of the Church, with the sanction of the Committee, as honorary and confidential assistant to the general

secretary. It is beyond question that in no Church is the official work done so economically. The only change which your Committee propose to make this year in the distribution of office charges is to reduce the proportion paid by the Home Mission from 12 per cent to 10 per cent., dividing the difference between the Widows and Orphans' Fund and the Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund, both of which will this year make a much heavier draft on the time of the officials and the general expenditure of the office.

The total expenditure for travelling expenses in 1882 was £290 1s. 8d., as against £286 12s. 1d. in 1881, the difference being more than explained by the increased expenditure on behalf of Committees having no funds of their own already referred to. The increase, therefore, alike in office charges and travelling expenses for Synodical Committees, is slight, and by no means out of proportion to the general development of the Church and its work.

Taking a still wider view of Church income and expenditure, your Committee have, during last year, looked carefully into the total expenditure of the Church for Synod and Committee expenses of all sorts, as compared with the aggregate income of the Church as exhibited in her statistics. They find that in 1881 the total income of the Church was £208,626 9s. 2d., while the total working expenses of the Synod and its Committees combined amounted to £3,673 16s. 2d., being at the rate of 1·78 per cent. So far as they have been able to gather from the published accounts of the two larger sister churches in Scotland, the corresponding working expenses of the Free Church amounted to 1·85 per cent., and that of the United Presbyterian Church to 1·78 per cent., from which it would appear that, notwithstanding the general rule that the cost of administrative machinery may be expected to be relatively greater in a small church than in a large one, any difference that exists is in our favour.

Your Committee have also examined very carefully into the cost of oversight and general management, in connection with the several funds, as distinguished from that incurred for printing, travelling expenses, and other special charges, and have on their minutes figures clearly showing that the proportion of the expense coming under this head is, in nearly every fund, considerably less than in the sister churches.

It has been deemed right to submit the result of these inquiries, not in any spirit of boasting, but simply with the view of assuring the Church that the utmost care continues to be taken in every department to economise to the utmost the resources of the Church, so that the generous givings of our people shall go with the smallest possible deductions to the objects for which they are contributed.

Your Committee cannot close their report without giving expression to their profound gratitude to God for the marks of solidity and progress afforded in the accounts of the Church for the past year. The Sustentation Fund, so long a source of anxious care, seems at last to have reached a sound and satisfactory position. The Foreign Mission Fund, which was so heavily in arrears in the beginning of the year, has closed far more favourably than could have been anticipated. And the other

Funds are all in a fairly satisfactory position. The Church has everything to encourage her to advance steadily and hopefully to the work lying before her. God has been very kind to us in these external things. May He pour out His Spirit upon us, and enable us in these favourable outward circumstances to gird ourselves for a more earnest prosecution of the work committed to us!

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

GEORGE DUNCAN,
Convener.

[For Office Charges, see under Accounts of the Church, p. 326; for Synod, p. 320.]

XXIII.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE OF CHURCH PROPERTY,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

YOUR Committee have carefully considered what would be wisest and best for our Church to do, in the light of the experience of other Churches, submitted to the Synod last year.

Looking at the amount of leasehold and mortgaged property in the Church, the small number of policies the Synod could command, and the high average value of each, entailing a large amount of re-insurance, your Committee are of opinion that the size of our Church at present does not afford a sufficiently broad basis for working such a scheme safely and successfully. They therefore recommend that no further steps be taken in the matter.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

JAMES MACKENZIE,
Convener.

XXIV.

UNION THANKSGIVING FUND REPORT,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

THE Committee have now the pleasure to submit the seventh Report of this Fund.

During the year the sum of £3,288 6s. 7d. has been added to the Fund, being almost exclusively amounts raised by congregations in aid of debt liquidation, against grants made to them by the Committee.

The following statement shows the amount of the Fund to the present date :—

	£	s.	d.
With Right reserved to allocate	1,801	16	0
General Fund	28,326	0	5
Debt Liquidation	3	15	0
Church Extension	1,371	8	0
Theological Education	15,735	6	6
Foreign Missions	790	16	0
Jewish Mission	89	9	0
Local Purposes	96,029	8	2
	<u>£144,147</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>

Of this amount the General Treasurers have received, or there has been accounted for to them, the following sums :—

	£	s.	d.
With Right reserved to allocate	500	0	0
General Fund... ..	27,640	16	5
Debt Liquidation	3	15	0
Church Extension	1,361	8	0
Theological Education	13,549	17	0
Foreign Missions	790	16	0
Jewish Mission	89	9	0
Local Purposes	95,047	13	8
	<u>£138,983</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>

The Committee have paid over to the College Fund, and Home Mission Church Building Fund, the sum of £1,000 each, in part fulfilment of the Synod's resolution of April 1881. On the final realisation of amounts due on General Fund, it will depend what further

payments can be made to these funds in accordance with said resolution.

Acting upon the resolution of the Synod of last year to 'finally conclude the business of the Fund,' the Committee have used all diligence to have the accounts closed. There still remain, however, sums amounting to £5,164 4s. to be accounted for. If it is the mind of the Synod, the Committee are willing to continue their labours for another year, in the hope that by next Synod it may be possible to bring the Fund to a close.

This will probably be considered the more desirable, inasmuch as there are still a number of grants made to congregations in aid of debt liquidation which will not run off until the close of 1883.

The following table shows the total amounts contributed by each Presbytery for the several schemes embraced in the Fund, the amounts which have been accounted for to the Treasurers, and the grants made by the Committee in aid of debt liquidation.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

SAMUEL STITT,

THOMAS MATHESON,

Joint Conveners.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 322.]

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX. UNION THANKSGIVING FUND.

Presbytery.	Total.	Right reserved to allocate.	General Fund.	Schemes adopted by Synod.					Local purposes.	Am. outts paid.	Grants in aid of debt paid or promised.
				Debt liqui- dation.	Church, Exten- sion.	Theological Education.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Berwick .	107 0 0	—	107 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	107 0 0	—
Birmingham .	7,230 6 5	—	150 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	7,080 6 5	7,122 11 5	2,800 0 0
Bristol .	1,696 19 7	—	35 0 0	—	—	5 0 0	10 0 0	—	1,646 19 7	1,686 19 7	1,000 0 0
Carlisle .	251 15 6	—	103 1 5	—	22 10 0	—	8 8 0	—	117 16 1	250 15 6	—
Darlington .	16,185 8 6	—	10,136 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	6,049 8 6	16,017 18 6	2,500 0 0
Liverpool .	31,258 8 10	1,050 0 0	4,020 11 6	—	135 2 0	42 6 6	252 4 0	62 14 0	25,695 10 10	30,597 9 10	1,000 0 0
London .	42,033 3 7	—	8,336 2 9	2 10 0	1,191 6 0	550 0 0	491 4 0	11 5 0	31,470 15 10	41,393 1 7	6,250 0 0
Manchester .	17,784 2 9	751 16 0	1,173 4 8	—	—	2,135 9 6	12 10 0	—	13,711 2 7	14,332 11 9	2,050 0 0
Newcastle .	14,614 17 7	—	4,169 15 6	1 5 0	22 10 0	497 10 6	16 10 0	10 10 0	9,896 16 7	14,499 10 7	2,774 0 0
Northumberland	403 15 4	—	43 3 7	—	—	—	—	—	360 11 9	403 15 4	90 0 0
General .	12,562 1 0	—	52 1 0	—	—	12,505 0 0	—	5 0 0	—	12,562 1 0	—

XXV.

REPORT OF HYMN-BOOK COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

THE Committee appointed by the Synod which met at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in April 1881, have now completed their labours. During the past year they have been hard at work revising and improving the Hymnal which the Synod of 1882 approved in draft, and selecting tunes to which the hymns might be sung. The Church is now in possession of the result of these labours in the shape of 'Church Praise,' containing 569 hymns, inclusive of Dismissions, Doxologies, Sanctuses, Ancient Hymns, and Canticles. To these are added 26 Anthems with music, and 40 more without, thereby forming a collection of upwards of 600 items of praise suitable for use in the house of God. Neither pains nor expense has been spared to render the book worthy its high and sacred purpose, and to adapt it to the wants and requirements of the Church in all its varied services, as well as to make it as serviceable as possible in the more private exercises of domestic and personal religion. All that remains to be done is that the Church shall, as soon as possible, and as extensively as present arrangements will permit, adopt the Hymnal, and use every means in its power to improve its musical services, so as to do justice to the large stock of new and beautiful melodies now placed at its disposal.

In order that the Church may clearly understand the nature of the agreement into which it has entered in regard to the proprietorship of 'Church Praise,' it has been deemed expedient to place it before the Synod, in order that it may be finally ratified and signed by the Moderator in its name. It is as follows :—

'Agreement made this 19th day of July 1882, between the Synod of the Presbyterian Church, on the one part, and James Nisbet & Co., Publishers, of 21 Berners Street, London, W., on the other part. Whereas the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England having prepared a new hymn-book on the basis of "Psalms and Hymns for Divine Worship," and having authorised the use thereof by the congregations of the said Church, it is hereby agreed between the said Synod of the Presbyterian Church and the said James Nisbet & Co.—

'1. That the said James Nisbet & Co. consent to the use of their book, "Psalms and Hymns for Divine Worship," as the basis of the new hymn-book, and that they grant, free of charge, for insertion in the said new hymn-book, the use of hymns and tunes of which the copyright belongs to them, or which they control.

'2. The said James Nisbet & Co. agree to withdraw their book, "Psalms and Hymns for Divine Worship," from circulation in the United

Kingdom at the end of one year after the publication of the new volume, and to permit the use of the title "Psalms and Hymns for Divine Worship" for the new book, adding the words "New and Revised Edition," but reserving to themselves the right to retain the said title in the case of books sold for foreign and colonial use.

'3. The said James Nisbet & Co. agree to provide the necessary capital, to reimburse all the expenses incurred by the Committee on the hymn-book appointed by the aforesaid Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, and to set up in type, stereotype, print, and publish suitable editions of the new hymn-book in its various forms, with and without music.

'4. The new hymn-book, embracing the metrical Psalms and the new compilation of hymns, shall be jointly and separately the property of the aforesaid Presbyterian Church of England and the said James Nisbet & Co., and all profit accruing therefrom, after all expenses, preliminary and otherwise, connected with the compilation and production thereof have been paid, shall be equally divided. Accounts of sales shall be made up by the publishers to the 30th of June, and rendered in October each year.

'5. Copies of the new hymn-book shall be supplied to the Publications Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England at a reduction of ten per cent. below the regular trade price.

'6. This agreement may be readjusted, or may be terminated, by either party, at the end of seven years from the date of the publication of the new hymn-book, on giving the other not less than three months' notice, at which period the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England shall have the right to purchase at a mutual valuation the stereotype plates of all the editions of the said new hymn-book, along with the entire stock in hand in its various forms, with and without music, bound and unbound.

'As witness our hands, this nineteenth day of July, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

'Signed in the presence of	}	JAMES NISBET & CO.
GEO. R. ROME,		
21 Berners St., W.		

'Signed in the presence of	}	W. RIGBY MURRAY, <i>Convener of the Hymn-book Committee.</i>
R. B. MURRAY,		
11 Addison Terrace, Manchester.		

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the above agreement, and otherwise attending to the interests of the Church in connection with the new hymn-book, the Committee are of opinion that the Synod should empower either the Finance Committee or the Publications Committee to transact in their names with Messrs. J. Nisbet & Co.

In the name of the Committee,

W. RIGBY MURRAY,
Convener.

XXVI.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1883.

THE statistics of the Church are the balance-sheet of its yearly work; and whilst their aggregate results are interesting to the whole Church, in their details each congregation can behold its own gains and losses. Just as, to understand the working of a watch, why the hour and minute hands move over the graduated dial, and why their relative motions are such as they are observed to be, we must open the watch, master its various parts, and ascertain their relationship to each other; so, if we will learn the real condition of the moral body, the Church, we must open and dissect it, and see how each portion of its framework acts and reacts upon the whole. By two standards can the prosperity of the Church as a whole and of each congregation separately be legitimately tested—by its increase of membership, and by the prosperity of its finances. When we remember that every new admission to the communion of the Church means a real victory over carelessness and scepticism, and every case of lapse a defection or retrogression, or it may be a departure, temporary or permanent, from our communion, what interest attaches to the state of the communion roll from year to year! And if we can with reason assume that every contribution in money or talent or time is an expression of gratitude, a thank-offering to the Lord, what value may we attach to every item of finance recorded in the tables! What do the statistics of the Presbyterian Church of England tell of the work of the Church in the year 1882? The statistics of six years of the working of the united Church are now before us. What do they tell of its activities, its zeal, and its advance?

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS.

In 1882, there were connected with the Church 279 congregations, against 275 congregations in 1881, some dating as far back as the memorable year 1662, an epoch in the Church of England corresponding to the equally memorable 1843, the year of the disruption

of the Church of Scotland; some belonging to the eighteenth century, some formerly belonging to the Presbyterian Church in England and some to the United Presbyterian Church, and some created under the pale of the Presbyterian Church of England. Since the union 24 Congregations have been added to the Church besides the Congregation in Rangoon, comprising, in 1882, 2,271 members in all, and contributing £15,509, or an average of 94 members and £646 each. Several of these Congregations, however, are as yet in their infancy.

REGISTRATION OF BUILDINGS FOR MARRIAGE.

In the absence of a religious census, the number of buildings registered for the celebration of marriage is a fair indication of the relative strength of the Dissenting Churches. It is much to be regretted that, notwithstanding repeated recommendations that our congregations should register their buildings in the name of the Presbyterian Church of England, up to the year ending December 31, 1880, there were on the register 26 buildings in the name of the United Presbyterian Church, and 99 in the name of the Presbyterian Church in England, while 188 buildings were properly registered in the present name of the Church. Within the twenty years from 1861 to 1880, the Dissenting Churches in England and Wales increased the number of their registered buildings as follows:—

Communities.	Year ended December 31,		Increase percent.	Decrease per cent.
	1861.	1880.		
Baptists ...	1,002	1,644	64	—
Independents ...	1,493	2,127	42	—
Methodists ...	1,088	3,189	193	—
Presbyterians ...	137	330	140	—
Roman Catholics ...	551	829	50	—
Unitarians ...	152	129	—	15

The Presbyterian Church stands second only to the Methodist in actual progress, but the Independents are now largely extending the number of their congregations.

PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH AND DEBTS.

The inventory of the property of the Church inserted in the Appendix shows a large increase in both real and personal property. Not only the number of Churches and Manses is yearly increasing, but also the securities set aside for the endowment of the College and of the several schemes of the Church. In 1877 Church and Manse property was insured for £612,490, representing a capital of £912,000. In 1882 the amount insured was £829,436, representing the sum of £1,244,000. The calamitous fires of 1882, which destroyed two of our churches, should teach the duty of insuring to the full amount, and the need of great caution in the heating of the buildings. Part of the real property of the Church, however, is mortgaged to debt. In 1882 the Debts amounted to £96,815 on Churches, and £10,585 on Manses, or a total of £107,400.

In 1877 the mortgage was in the proportion of 11·8 per cent. of the property. In 1882 the proportion was only 8·7 per cent.

SITTINGS AVAILABLE AND LET.

During the last six years the Church has added 23,920 to its number of available sittings, representing at £10 each a cost of about £240,000, but the number actually let has not increased in the same proportion. In 1877 the number of sittings available was 119,072, and the number let 56,072, or in the proportion of 47 per cent. In 1882 the number of sittings available was 142,994, and the number let 63,654, or in the proportion of 44·51 per cent. Several churches have adopted the plan of free seats, but extracting all such cases in each year, still the proportion let has been diminishing.

MEMBERSHIP.

The increase in the number of Communicants keeps pace with the progress of population, but no inroad is made on the outer world. The statistics of the number of Communicants were not complete till 1880. During the last three years the annual increase and the proportion to population in England and Wales were as follows:

	No. of Communicants.	Present Annual Increase.	Proportion per 1,000,000 of Population.
1880	55,286	2·12	216
1881	56,408	2·03	217
1882	57,402	1·76	217

In 1882, of 249 Congregations, 157 showed an increase of membership, 105 showed a decrease, and in 17 cases the membership was precisely the same as in 1881.

The increase, such as it is, arises from two sources: first, from an excess in the first admission, over the number lapsed and dead; and second, from an excess of the number received over the number removed by certificate. During the six years 19,809 persons were admitted to the communion for the first time, and 17,661 lapsed, died, or ceased to be within our communion, giving an excess of 2,148. In the same period 24,974 were received, and 17,549 removed by certificate, giving an excess of 7,425. But, therefore, for the large increase in the number received from other churches there would be no increase, but decrease. But this suggests another interesting problem: to what extent is the Presbyterian Church of England succeeding among the English population? Assuming the excess in the number admitted for the first time to represent 70 per cent. English and 30 per cent. Scotch, and the excess in the number received by certificate to represent inversely 70 per cent. Scotch and 30 per cent. English, and the result is that in the six years there were added 5,840 Scotch to 4,231 English, the Scotch element greatly preponderating over the English.

ROLLS OF NON-COMMUNICANTS.

At its last meeting the Synod instructed the Sessions to preserve a well-kept record of baptised members of the Church, and the same injunction likewise appears in the 'Book of Order.' But your Committee regret to report that only 104 returns have been received on the subject, having, in all, 13,056 children under 14 years of age, divided as follows :

CHILDREN UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

Presbyteries.	No. of Congregations returned.	No. of Children.
Berwick	11	1,756
Birmingham	5	480
Bristol	2	334
Carlisle	10	1,169
Darlington	12	1,084
Liverpool	10	2,177
London	21	1,973
Manchester	17	2,035
Newcastle	8	1,239
Northumberland	8	809
	104	13,056

Your Committee have learned with pleasure that the Regent Square Congregation has resolved to keep a roll exhibiting in an alphabetical order, under the family names, a record of all baptised children, as well as the Christian names, surnames, and addresses of all baptised adults being seat-holders, not yet in full communion, with blank spaces for entries to indicate date of first communion, date of death, and date of removal; and has appointed one of its office-bearers to take charge of the same. Your Committee are of opinion that a formal record of the act of baptism might with advantage be embodied on a card and given to the parent of every baptised child, as well as to every adult on his or her being received by baptism. Also, that a similar record of admission to the Lord's table for the first time might be likewise engrossed on a card and given to the new communicant. And that, on parents removing from the congregation with certificate of membership, the names of their children should be stated thereon. The Committee think that by this method the Minister and Session will become better acquainted with the members of their congregation, and will be able to exercise upon them a more direct wholesome influence. Your Committee have much pleasure in enclosing a pattern of the two certificates which the Regent Square Congregation has obtained for their use.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

The number of Office-bearers seems hardly to keep pace with the number of Communicants. In 1877 the number of Elders was 1,417, or 2.99 per 100 Communicants. In 1882 the number was 1,633, or

2·85 per 100. In 1877 the number of Deacons and Managers together was 2,357, or in the proportion of 4·98 per 100. In 1882 the total number was 2,779, or 4·84 per 100 Communicants. With the increasing dispersion of the members of our Congregations over larger areas in all our large towns, an increase in the number of Office-bearers would seem necessary both for spiritual purposes, and for the due distribution of the finances of the Church.

MARRIAGES, BAPTISMS, DEATHS.

A sign of returning prosperity is visible in the large increase in the number of Marriages celebrated in our Churches. In 1877 the number was 497; in 1882, 670. The number of Baptisms in 1877 was 3,267; and in 1882, 3,769. The number of Deaths, 711 in 1877, and 838 in 1882.

THE WORKERS IN THE CHURCH.

The life, activity, and usefulness of the members of the Church may, to some extent, be tested by the number of District Visitors, members of Dorcas Societies, and Sabbath School teachers, with the kindred facts of the number of Sabbath School scholars, number of members of our Young Men's Societies, and number of members of our Bible Classes. Taking the entire number of District Visitors, members of Dorcas Societies, and Sabbath school teachers in proportion to the total number of communicants in each Presbytery, though, in many cases, the same person is engaged in all the good works of the Church, the results in 1882 are as follows:

Presbyteries.	No. of Workers.	Per cent. of Membership.
Berwick	317	8·05
Birmingham	578	36·65
Bristol	418	32·68
Carlisle	433	22·47
Darlington	604	20·96
Liverpool	2,329	23·55
London	4,015	26·29
Manchester	1,388	25·53
Newcastle	1,664	15·17
Northumberland	284	6·40
	<hr/> 12,030	<hr/> 20·91

From these figures it will be seen that the Congregations in the Presbyteries of Northumberland and Berwick show the least activity, and those in the Presbytery of Birmingham the greatest. It is much to be regretted that in the Presbytery of Northumberland no Dorcas Society or even Young Men's Society appears to exist. Doubtless the agricultural character of greater part of the county may to some extent account for it; but poverty is sure to want relief, and young men would benefit in those counties as much as anywhere else by the stimulus of association.

COLLEGE.

The number of students in the College in 1882 was 23, against 19 in 1881. During the last six years the number was as follows :

	1st year.	2nd year.	3rd year.	Total.
1877	14	2	9	25
1878	6	10	4	20
1879	4	7	11	22
1880	6	5	8	19
1881	8	5	6	19
1882	7	10	6	23

The increase appears principally in the number of second year students.

CHINA MISSION.

The Mission enterprise in China is being worked with continued vigour and with some amount of success. The number of Church members increased from 2,570 in 1881 to 2,768 in 1882. It should be noted, however, that the number of Missionaries and native Evangelists, as well as the number of Stations is larger. In 1877 there were 29 members to each station, and 30 to each Missionary and Evangelist. In 1882 there were 31 members to each station, and 24 to each Missionary and Evangelist.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

The finances of the Church are on the whole most satisfactory. The ordinary congregational income is the best test of the financial condition of each Congregation; the incomes for Temporary Purposes being necessarily fitful and intermittent, whilst the income for the different schemes of the Church is greatly affected by special efforts in this or that direction.

ORDINARY CONGREGATIONAL INCOME.

The total amount received for Seat Rent in 1882 was £41,258, against £39,602 in 1881. In 1877 the total sum received from this source was £37,445, the proportion per sittings let being 12s. 11*d.* in 1882 against 13s. 4*d.* in 1877. At present about 15,000 sittings are free. At 13s. each they would produce £9,750. The collections for Congregational purposes only amounted to £59,612, against £59,462 in 1881. The amount collected for Sustentation Fund, not being aid-giving, amounted to £11,330, against 10,984 in 1881; and the amount collected for the Poor and extra-congregational Missions, which partake largely of Home Missions, amounted to £21,191 in 1882, against £21,121 in 1881. There is some increase in the total ordinary revenue of the Church, which amounted to £133,391 in 1882, against £131,169 in 1881, or in proportion to the number of Congregations, £481 in 1882, against £477 in 1881. The income for Temporary purposes, on the other

hand, which includes buildings and repairs of churches, increased from £43,235 in 1881 to £52,872.

STIPENDS.

The total amount of Stipends shows an increase from £83,197 in 1881 to £85,366 in 1882. Though the minimum amount of stipend contemplated by the Sustentation Fund Committee is now £200, as many as 25 stipends are below that amount, one Minister reporting as receiving *none*. The average amount of Stipend in 1882 for the whole Church, exclusive of vacant charges and preaching stations, was £310 per annum, besides 90 manse.

MISSIONS.

The amount contributed for Missionary purposes in 1882 shows a gratifying increase, though the total is less in proportion than is contributed by other Churches. The Free Church of Scotland, in the year ended March 31, 1882, raised £58,119 for Missions, home, foreign, and colonial, on a total of £607,680, or a proportion of upwards of 9·66 per cent. The United Presbyterian Church raised £43,000 for Missions on a total of £384,000, or in the proportion of 11·19 per cent. The Presbyterian Church of Ireland raised £14,250 for Missions, on a total of £147,765, or 9·64 per cent. The Presbyterian Church of England raised in 1882 for Home, Foreign, Jewish, and Continental Missions, inclusive of donations, £20,141, on a total of £235,295, or 8·56 per cent. The progress made of recent years in the receipts from Presbyteries was as follows :

Years	Home Mission	Foreign	Jewish	Continental	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
1877	2,340	5,276	976	220	9,312
1878	2,025	5,881	745	268	8,919
1879	1,502	5,241	401	288	7,432
1880	1,641	5,994	805	248	8,688
1881	1,694	7,398	767	478	9,657
1882	1,925	10,891	847	605	14,268

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

The total receipts of the Church show a large increase from £208,626 in 1881 to £235,295 in 1882, the same having principally arisen in the amounts for temporary purposes, for Foreign Missions, and in the donations for the endowment of another chair in the College. The donations constitute a large source of income to the Church. The Thanksgiving Fund alone produced in the last six years £96,778. If we compare the total amount raised by the Church with the total amount assessed to Property and Income tax in England and Wales, we find that whereas in 1877 the proportion was £302 per million pounds assessed, in 1881 the proportion was £357 per million pounds.

Divided into Presbyteries the amount received was as follows :

Presbyteries	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Berwick . . .	3,963	4,337	4,213	4,121	4,149	4,226
Birmingham . .	8,754	6,030	4,863	5,763	8,795	5,484
Bristol . . .	5,056	6,030	5,369	4,773	5,204	5,267
Carlisle . . .	3,097	2,854	2,908	3,457	4,904	5,411
Darlington . . .	14,545	7,748	9,897	13,591	9,986	16,088
Liverpool . . .	41,042	26,850	31,050	37,896	33,470	36,638
London . . .	70,057	71,432	65,092	76,220	78,198	82,635
Manchester . . .	23,172	25,359	20,288	19,371	18,851	24,833
Newcastle . . .	28,514	23,230	20,611	23,773	23,630	23,676
Northumberland .	4,282	4,244	4,540	5,164	4,709	5,080
	202,485	178,614	168,439	191,125	191,897	209,338
Donations, &c..	26,242	12,741	11,438	14,505	16,729	25,956
Total . . .	228,727	190,555	180,269	205,630	208,626	235,295

And the proportion per communicant as follows :

Presbyteries	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Berwick . . .	1 0 0	1 0 9	0 19 11	0 19 8	0 19 8	1 1 5
Birmingham . .	6 17 6	4 0 9	3 5 7	3 16 4	5 14 10	3 9 6
Bristol . . .	3 16 3	4 5 10	4 1 2	3 16 11	4 3 0	4 2 5
Carlisle . . .	1 15 0	1 14 0	1 14 6	2 0 0	2 14 0	2 16 1
Darlington . . .	5 0 10	2 13 11	3 6 3	3 15 10	3 11 1	5 11 7
Liverpool . . .	4 13 7	3 0 0	3 10 1	4 0 3	3 10 11	3 14 8
London . . .	5 12 6	5 4 10	4 14 11	5 6 10	5 6 3	5 8 2
Manchester . . .	5 3 6	4 18 4	3 18 5	3 13 1	3 8 4	4 11 4
Newcastle . . .	2 18 1	2 4 8	2 0 1	2 5 3	2 4 2	2 3 4
Northumberland .	1 0 6	0 19 3	1 1 1	1 3 11	1 1 7	1 3 4
By Presbyteries .	3 19 3	3 5 9	3 2 3	3 9 2	3 8 3	3 12 11
Total with dona- tions . . .	4 1 1	3 10 4	3 10 6	3 14 4	3 13 11	4 2 0

The contributions of the members of the Presbyterian Church of England, through their organised channel, are larger in proportion than in other Presbyterian Churches. The Free Church of Scotland, with about 300,000 Communicants, including some Adherents, collected in 1881 £608,000, or £2 0s. 4d. per Communicant. The United Presbyterian Church, with 175,000 Communicants, collected £384,000, or £2 3s. 10d. per Communicant. The Presbyterian Church of Ireland, with 103,000 Communicants, collected £148,000, or £1 8s. 9d. per Communicant. The Presbyterian Church of England, with 57,000 Communicants, raised in all £236,000, or in the proportion of £4 2s. 0d. per communicant. And the expense of collecting the amount, as indicated in the Report of the Treasurership Committee, is actually less per cent. than in other Presbyterian Churches.

The statistics of the Church may be encouraging or admonitory, but they are always useful. They are facts, and to facts we must resort for all solid reasoning.

LEONE LEVI,
Convener.

APPENDIX.

INVENTORY OF THE PROPERTY

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND ITS COMMITTEES, 1882.

REAL PROPERTY.

Churches and Manses returned (see Table of Congregational Statistics) as insured for £829,436. Estimated to have been insured for two-thirds of the real value represent a capital of £1,244,718.

School Buildings, £13,000.

Mission Buildings in China and India.

Furniture, library, &c., of College, Queen Square.

Property belonging to Congregations.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

1. College Funds :

(A) Securities valued at £32,222 in Railway property and Bank shares, with moiety of rental of house in Strand, yielding £150. For particulars, see Report of College Trustees, p. 162.

(B) Barbour Endowment £10,000 North Staffordshire Railway Five per cent. Preference Stock.

2. Scholarships :

Securities in Indian Railways, Indian Government, Canadian Stock, and British Railways, amounting to £6,402. For particulars, see Scholarships Accounts, p. 316.

3. Sustentation Fund—Muter Trust :

Securities in Railway Property, Manufactures, and New Zealand Government, Stocks valued at £23,323.

4. Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund :

Securities, sundry investments at cost price, £24,006. For particulars, see Accounts, p. 290.

5. Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund :

Sundry Investments at cost price, at December 31, 1882, £6,127. For particulars, see Accounts, p. 288.

COST OF CHURCHES.

Presbytery of Birmingham.

Date.		Sittings.	Cost.	Cost per Sitting.
			£	£ s d.
1865	Birmingham, Camp Hill	... 600	4,000	6 13 4
1865	Derby	... 450	3,100	6 17 1
	" Sunday School Hall	... —	700	—
1865	Leicester	... 700	4,500	6 8 9
1867	Nottingham	... 500	3,800	5 12 0
	" Lecture Hall	... —	700	—
1867	Shrewsbury	... 500	5,042	10 1 7
1882	Walsall	... 550	3,264	5 18 8

Presbytery of Bristol.

1875	Aberdare	... 400	4,600	11 10 0
1865	Cardiff	... 700	6,000*	8 18 5
1868	Gloucester	... 600	4,500	7 10 0
1864	Swansea	... 1,200	8,000	6 13 4

Presbytery of Carlisle.

1863	Carlisle, Warwick Road (including Site for Manse)	... 650	2,618	4 0 0
	"	... —	1,005	—
1881	Harrington	... 250	1,450	5 16 0

Presbytery of Darlington.

1873	Hull, Holderness Road	... 1,050	5,525	5 5 3
1874	" Springbank	... 500	6,100	12 4 0
1872	Middlesborough, Trinity	... 550	4,500	8 3 7
1867	Stockton, St. George's	... 550	7,445	13 10 9
1858	West Hartlepool	... 650	5,000	7 13 10
1874	Whitby	... 460	5,600	12 3 6
1874	York	... 800	6,000	7 10 0

Presbytery of Liverpool.

1868	Birkenhead, Hamilton	... 600	3,000	5 0 0
1864	Liverpool, Fairfield	... 600	6,154	10 5 0
1879	" Sefton Park	... 900	16,000	17 15 0
	" " Lecture Hall	... —	1,379	—
1876	" " Union	... 907	7,746	8 10 9
1867	St. Helen's	... 500	3,452	6 18 0
	" Manse and School	... —	1,500	—
1870	Southport Church	... 450	6,910	15 7 1
1873	Waterloo	... 311	5,888	18 18 0

Presbytery of London.

1867	Bournemouth	... 335	3,400	10 2 11
1877	Canterbury	... 440	5,000	11 8 3
1878	Eastbourne	... 700	6,700	9 11 0
1868	Gravesend	... 750	4,842	6 9 0
1870	Ipswich	... 500	4,100	8 4 0
	" Lecture Hall	... —	566	—

Date.		Sittings.	Cost. £	Cost per Sitting. £ s. d.
1881	London, Blackheath (Lecture Hall) ...	—	1,900	—
1869	„ Bow ...	468	3,650*	7 14 0
1882	„ Brockley (including Lecture Hall) ...	977	8,200	8 7 10
1867	„ Camberwell ...	550	7,178	11 11 6
1870	„ Camden Road ...	650	9,445	14 10 7
	„ Lecture Hall ...	—	1,150	—
1871	„ Clapton ...	550	6,368	11 11 6
1876	„ Crouch Hill ...	606	8,250	13 12 3
1868	„ Hammersmith ...	550	7,015	12 18 1
1869	„ Kentish Town ...	700	2,750*	3 18 6
1875	„ Marylebone ...	1,575	15,000	9 10 5
1870	„ New Barnet ...	290	2,825	9 16 3
1872	„ Notting Hill ...	870	13,234	15 4 0
1877	„ Oxenden ...	560	8,000	14 5 8
	„ Lecture Hall ...	—	1,400	—
1872	„ South Kensington ...	800	7,200	9 0 0
1875	„ Streatham ...	389	5,696	14 12 10
1864	„ Tottenham ...	450	6,000	13 6 8
1874	„ Upper Norwood ...	520	6,500	12 10 0
	„ Lecture Hall, &c. ...	—	1,000	—
1872	„ Wandsworth ...	600	7,500	12 10 0
1875	„ Willesden ...	400	3,500	8 15 0
1875	„ Wood Green ...	500	5,852	11 14 1
1867	Norwich ...	650	4,323	6 13 0
	„ Schoolroom and other property ...	—	2,177	—
1880	Portsmouth ...	586	6,966	11 17 7
1879	Reading ...	540	5,500	10 1 8
1874	Southampton, Woolston ...	386	3,300	8 10 0

Presbytery of Manchester.

1879	Leeds, Cavendish Road (including Lecture Hall) ...	600	6,000	10 0 0
1868	Manchester, Bowdon ...	400	7,000	17 6 0
1871	„ Longsight (including Sabbath School) ...	450	5,500	12 4 5
1871	„ Pendleton ...	500	3,800	7 12 0
1874	„ Sale ...	700	6,600	9 8 6
	„ Manse ...	—	1,650	—
1867	„ Withington ...	560	6,227	11 2 5
1872	Ramsbottom ...	650	7,500	11 10 9
1869	Wigan ...	630	5,676	9 0 2
	„ School and Cottage ...	—	1,000	—

Presbytery of Newcastle.

1878	Blackhill ...	340	2,500	7 7 1
1873	Blyth, Waterloo Road ...	600	5,300	8 16 8
1872	Durham ...	380	3,500	9 4 2
1869	Gateshead, Durham Road ...	850	7,500	8 16 0
1869	Hebburn-on-Tyne ...	880	14,000	15 18 2
1877	Houghton-le-Spring ...	400	3,500	8 15 0
1874	Jarrow, Wear Street ...	312	2,800	8 19 6
1873	Newcastle, Barras Bridge ...	700	5,222	7 9 0
1881	„ Heaton (Lecture Hall, &c.) ...	186	1,250	6 14 5

* Approximate.

Date.		Sittings.	Cost.	Cost per Sitting.		
			£	£	s.	d.
1872	Newcastle, Westmoreland Road	750	6,000*	8	0	0
1877	South Shields, St. John's ...	630	5,500	8	14	7
1878	" " St. Paul's ...	380	3,200	8	8	5
1871	Sunderland, Trinity ...	700	4,000	5	14	3
1877	Wark ...	160	1,411	8	16	9
	,, Manse ...	—	1,425	—		

Presbytery of Northumberland.

1860	Morpeth ...	850	4,350	2	7	3
1863	Newbiggin ...	300	709	5	2	4

* Approximate.

TABLES
OF
GENERAL STATISTICS.

PART I.
CONGREGATIONAL.

GENERAL PRESBYTERIAN PRESENTED TO THE PART I.—CON

F, Freehold ; L, Leasehold and number

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
PRESBYTERIES.									
BERWICK.									
1	Ancroft Moor	1845	1880	F	£ 1200	£ ...	£ 160	260	143
2	Beaumont Union	1850	1882	L 67	1 00	...	...	399	280
3	Belford—Columba	1840	1851	F	900	...	...	370	130
4	„ —Erskine	1777	1867	L 43	1300	...	...	360	207
5	Berwick—Bankhill	1719	1863	aL250	6900	...	...	400	247
6	„ —Church Street	1812	vacant	F	1000	...	...	600	free
7	„ —Wallace Green	1771	1878	F	d6500	e653	...	1031	879
8	Chatton	1850	1851	L	800	...	...	500	269
9	Crookham	1742	1864	F	...	...	...	480	233
10	Etal	1696	1866	F	400	...	...	400	230
11	Horncliffe	1853	1858	F	800	...	70	325	165
12	Lowick	1662	1874	F	750	...	150	450	224
13	Norham—North... ..	1845	1858	F	...	...	300	500	204
14	„ —South... ..	1737	1870	F	500	300	20	300	110
15	Spittal	1752	1881	C	3700	500	...	700	375
16	Tweedmouth	1840	1854	FC	800	...	300	400	215
	One Preaching Station ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
					20550	1453	1000	7475	3911
BIRMINGHAM.									
17	Birmingham—Broad Street	1839	1875	L 56	4000	...	...	800	108
18	„ —Campbill	1865	1867	F	4500	...	...	600	144
19	„ —New John Street	1855	1882	F	3000	...	...	400	90
20	„ —Smethwick	1853	1868	F	1600	...	...	350	free
21	Burton-on-Trent	1861	1870	L 87	1200	...	...	334	120
22	Derby	1865	1865	F	2616	442	...	450	101
23	Dudley	1842	1880	F	2000	250	...	500	89
24	Hanley	1847	1858	C	400	...	...	270	150
25	Leicester	1865	1868	F	2000	1000	...	700	96
26	Nottingham	1867	1880	L 83	4000	...	...	500	254
27	Shrewsbury	1867	1875	F	2050	10	...	500	...
28	Stafford	1840	1878	F	500	...	...	250	175
29	Walsall	1877	vacant	L 96	3000	...	...	550	111
30	Wolverhampton... ..	1862	1876	F	5000	1090	...	600	239
31	Worcester	1865	1873	F	3000	...	...	800	129
					38866	2792	...	7604	1806

(a) Manse Freehold. (b) Inclusive of £300 insured on Manse. (c) Belongs to all the Berwick Congregations.

STATISTICS

THE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

SYNOD IN 1882.

GREGATIONAL.

of years; C, Copyhold; P, Perpetuity.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1882.	1881.											
3	3	...	6	23	16	1	122	110	1	7	1	...	...	1	19	...	...	7	1
5	...	7	3	36	38	52	227	278	...	...	2	...	...	3	42	...	...	12	2
3	1	...	6	10	19	1	132	136	...	6	1	...	...	2	16	...	...	...	3
8	...	12	5	27	34	6	216	224	2	9	3	...	...	5	34	...	...	8	4
8	7	...	8	14	29	8	250	267	5	13	5	5	9	10	80	...	50	20	5
9	...	18	8	15	20	6	294	297	1	19	6	10	20	15	90	...	...	14	6
18	...	16	21	47	39	28	812	784	3	25	20	25	30	81	545	...	...	70	7
5	...	12	16	36	46	12	260	266	1	19	12	...	...	4	66	...	...	22	8
4	6	...	10	17	31	6	170	180	1	10	6	9	...	3	44	78	...	10	9
4	2	...	6	30	27	4	208	203	...	10	4	6	...	6	43	...	...	12	10
4	...	...	7	9	30	4	186	201	1	14	4	...	...	5	83	100	...	20	11
5	9	...	13	36	64	3	224	242	2	14	3	...	...	8	90	...	...	28	12
4	4	...	4	30	31	1	193	190	2	14	1	...	...	6	80	...	...	10	13
5	...	8	6	13	26	8	122	137	...	2	2	...	...	6	35	...	...	10	14
16	...	10	17	47	63	20	279	298	1	20	7	6	...	23	154	...	...	40	15
5	1	7	5	15	11	7	192	190	2	20	4	5	...	5	40	110	...	10	16
2	...	...	5	1	...	...	48	42	...	3	...	...	...	9	53	...	...	...	...
108	33	90	146	406	524	167	3935	4045	22	205	81	66	59	192	1514	288	50	293	...
6	...	10	2	8	9	2	115	116	1	10	...	15	14	27	348	...	30	20	17
5	...	15	15	12	2	12	141	128	...	11	3	20	12	31	419	...	24	45	18
6	...	8	1	1	2	9	73	82	...	1	1	12	...	27	336	...	...	35	19
5	...	12	6	...	...	6	82	82	2	5	1	12	3	27	250	...	20	18	20
3	...	15	18	1	3	3	101	88	...	9	...	...	...	25	147	...	30	...	21
1	...	12	...	3	5	1	85	88	...	3	1	...	12	25	273	...	...	10	22
4	...	12	5	6	16	2	83	90	...	6	1	14	...	24	230	...	18	14	23
6	...	14	7	4	10	20	100	119	4	13	4	2	...	17	160	...	14	10	24
2	2	6	...	1	7	1	35	45	...	7	1	...	9	7	40	...	15	6	25
5	...	8	12	31	8	3	179	147	2	12	...	11	23	24	215	...	16	14	26
3	...	13	13	6	1	11	91	84	...	7	2	...	...	16	96	...	...	14	27
4	...	12	6	1	2	...	104	101	2	12	...	5	12	14	214	...	...	12	28
3	...	24	6	8	...	4	79	69	...	4	1	8	7	14	160	...	10	12	29
6	...	12	8	23	3	10	186	168	9	20	1	14	30	14	153	...	13	43	30
3	6	...	3	2	1	4	123	123	2	4	...	8	21	22	194	...	14	12	31
62	8	173	102	107	69	88	1577	1530	22	124	16	121	143	314	3235	...	204	265	...

(d) Inclusive of 41,200 insured on Manse.

(e) On Hall.

(f) Mutual Improvement Society, embracing both sexes.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.													
No.	CONGREGATIONS.				Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.	
									Church.	Manse.			
BRISTOL.													
32	Aberdare...	...	...	...	1875	1882	L 992	2500	1000	...	400	100
33	Bristol ...	...	...	...	1855	1881	F	4000	155	...	700	355
34	Cardiff ...	...	...	...	1865	1881	L 81	4500	...	500	633	334
35	Cheltenham	...	...	...	1860	1873	F	1800	...	...	650	free
36	Gloucester	...	...	...	1868	1881	P	3500	...	...	600	230
37	Plymouth	...	...	...	1861	1864	F	5000	...	...	1150	600
38	Swansea ...	...	...	...	1862	1881	L 80	6000	1300	...	1200	242
39	Torquay ...	...	...	...	1864	1872	L 78	4000	...	...	500	277
								31300	2455	500	5833	2138	
CARLISLE.													
40	Bewcastle	...	...	...	1836	1881	L 5	...	...	...	200	...
41	Brampton	...	...	...	1649	1881	F	1000	...	...	280	120
42	Carlisle—Fisher Street	...	...	...	1688	1862	F	2700	...	...	572	490
43	„ —Warwick Road	...	...	...	1862	1873	F	1600	...	385	650	free
44	Cleator Moor	...	...	...	1867	1869	F	700	...	...	225	168
45	Haltwhistle	...	...	...	1744	1880	F	400	...	...	200	33
46	Harrington	...	...	...	1881	1881	L 998	1000	...	...	235	221
47	Maryport—Crosby Street	...	...	...	1831	1851	F	1100	...	...	400	234
48	„ —John Street...	...	...	...	1776	1880	F	1000	...	40	320	142
49	Penrith ...	...	...	...	1700	1858	F	400	...	...	210	82
50	Whitehaven—High Street	...	...	...	1775	1882	P	1000	...	...	400	98
51	„ —Market Place	...	...	...	1836	1866	F	2600	...	...	514	303
52	Workington	...	...	...	1767	1879	P	1000	...	...	240	190
Two Preaching Stations								...	...	...	250	free
								14500		425	4696	2081	
DARLINGTON.													
53	Bishop Auckland	...	...	...	1863	1867	bL 82	1900	...	...	240	free
54	Crook ...	...	...	...	1861	1863	F	1100	...	...	340	150
55	Darlington	...	...	...	1865	1880	F	2000	548	...	500	270
56	Grimsby ...	...	...	...	1874	vacant	F	2000	1550	...	450	157
57	Harrogate	...	...	...	1876	1882	F	500	...	...	312	54
58	Hartlepool	...	...	...	1839	¹⁸⁴³ 1865	cL	400	...	...	300	150
59	Hull—Holderness Road	...	...	...	1873	1882	F	3000	...	...	1050	free
60	„ —Prospect Street	...	...	...	1867	1868	F	4000	d265	1331	850	free
61	„ —Springbank	...	...	...	1838	1882	F	4000	1830	...	500	free
62	Middlesbrough—Newport Road	...	...	...	1862	1879	F	2000	600	250	650	141
63	„ —Trinity	...	...	...	1872	1880	F	3000	...	...	550	238
64	Mount Pleasant, Ferry Hill	...	...	...	1863	1863	F	1650	...	...	300	107
65	Redcar ...	...	...	...	1872	vacant	L	400	...	...	230	121
66	Scarborough	...	...	...	1880	vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...
67	Stockton—St. Andrew's	...	...	...	1845	1871	F	2300	...	...	340	246
68	„ —St. George's	...	...	...	1867	1880	F	3000	1688	...	530	300
69	Towlaw ...	...	...	...	1863	1864	F	...	110	...	200	free
70	West Hartlepool	...	...	...	1858	1858	F	4000	2000	...	650	212
71	Whitby ...	...	...	...	1874	1874	F	3150	1960	...	500	140
72	York	...	...	...	1874	1875	F	4000	1389	...	850	90
								42400	11940	1581	9342	2376	

(a) Statistics of church recently burnt down.

(b) Manse freehold.

(d) On Hall.

(c) Sunday school used as church at present.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. received by Certificate.	No. removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1882.	1881.											
3	...	10	1	3	3	...	45	43	...	2	...	...	...	17	144	...	...	15	3
5	...	15	8	22	14	11	191	186	...	2	2	...	35	25	208	...	26	18	33
9	...	21	8	17	20	8	238	238	5	23	2	12	29	20	189	130	41	30	34
5	1	5	2	8	5	6	151	149	2	4	...	24	92	19	169	...	...	20	35
3	...	10	18	2	6	11	164	161	6	10	3	15	...	19	195	...	...	35	36
4	6	...	29	2	...	12	202	183	5	8	5	10	20	50	644	...	...	25	37
3	...	11	14	2	4	...	158	160	2	8	...	...	...	26	275	...	...	...	38
3	...	10	10	6	9	10	130	133	3	3	3	...	...	5	32	...	...	20	39
35	7	82	90	62	61	58	1279	1253	23	67	15	61	176	181	1856	130	67	163	
2	...	4	7	...	...	3	63	59	...	4	3	...	...	4	32	...	...	13	40
6	...	6	3	15	5	3	59	49	...	7	...	3	...	14	90	...	...	11	41
12	...	14	16	41	32	45	385	405	12	18	16	...	7	41	528	...	...	30	42
7	9	4	6	22	13	5	320	310	5	13	2	32	26	60	386	...	41	42	43
4	2	...	12	4	1	12	109	106	5	10	...	8	...	13	86	40	...	16	44
3	...	9	3	8	2	4	47	42	...	5	2	...	...	1	16	...	...	...	45
5	...	15	54	10	...	3	124	63	...	20	1	...	...	23	221	...	...	13	46
5	...	11	7	7	10	9	128	133	3	24	4	8	...	29	198	...	...	24	47
3	...	5	9	12	...	1	107	87	1	5	...	...	...	14	87	...	...	19	48
3	...	6	5	8	4	9	79	79	2	5	3	...	...	7	73	...	...	8	49
7	...	14	14	3	1	17	101	102	1	14	2	...	...	18	114	...	...	...	50
5	...	7	8	15	14	9	213	213	5	26	2	14	36	19	250	...	...	41	51
6	...	12	10	32	12	8	147	125	2	12	3	6	8	28	313	...	40	13	52
2	...	6	...	3	...	...	45	42	...	1	...	6	...	8	67	...	...	6	
70	11	113	154	180	94	128	1927	1815	36	164	8	77	77	279	2461	40	81	236	
5	...	12	3	8	7	4	104	104	2	6	1	24	11	14	93	...	...	8	53
2	...	12	13	7	13	1	90	84	2	13	1	10	...	18	192	...	10	8	54
5	11	...	26	7	5	11	205	216	8	9	2	16	15	43	421	...	...	15	55
5	4	...	14	4	3	...	105	90	5	9	...	12	...	32	300	...	...	...	56
3	...	9	4	6	2	8	50	50	2	3	...	...	...	4	45	...	...	20	57
4	...	18	4	6	7	6	162	165	...	11	6	...	20	22	162	36	...	12	58
9	14	...	20	5	7	31	207	220	3	12	1	30	...	39	470	...	...	30	59
16	4	...	30	15	7	32	547	541	5	15	11	...	...	52	477	...	20	...	60
2	11	...	17	22	6	29	123	119	2	1	6	...	...	13	132	...	...	35	61
2	...	15	5	12	5	9	118	115	4	11	...	...	...	14	150	...	20	10	62
4	...	12	17	28	8	...	165	128	...	13	...	6	...	18	280	...	28	20	63
6	...	12	4	10	3	9	108	106	1	9	1	8	...	17	123	...	...	24	64
3	...	6	12	9	3	4	95	81	1	5	2	...	...	6	68	...	...	6	65
...	...	7	7	5	2	22	30	42	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
6	...	15	8	14	9	5	215	212	3	15	...	9	12	28	300	...	...	...	67
4	8	...	7	14	7	4	135	123	6	7	1	6	...	17	180	...	20	17	68
2	...	7	15	...	1	6	38	43	1	4	2	...	...	15	150	...	...	27	69
7	...	12	6	27	19	3	175	164	5	21	3	...	...	29	264	...	...	8	70
4	...	9	9	1	...	3	100	93	1	5	...	...	...	18	165	...	...	7	71
5	6	...	10	12	5	20	110	113	...	...	2	13	...	13	105	...	...	...	72
94	58	146	226	212	119	207	2882	2809	51	172	39	134	58	412	4077	36	98	247	

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.											
No.	CONGREGATIONS.			Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
								Church.	Manse.		
LIVERPOOL.											
							£	£	£		
73	Barrow-in-Furness	...	...	1868	1870	F	6200	1740	...	758	443
74	Birkenhead—Claughton	...	...	1863	1863	F	8000	...	...	782	536
75	" —Grange Road	...	...	1846	¹⁸⁴⁷ 1880	F	3900	...	...	637	494
76	" —Hamilton...	...	...	1868	1874	F	a4200	...	450	600	193
77	" —St. Andrew's	...	...	1840	1868	F	3000	...	...	793	416
78	" —St. Paul's	...	...	1858	1870	F	2600	b1061	...	410	271
79	Chester	...	...	1846	vacant	F	1500	...	...	553	133
80	Douglas	...	...	1825	1866	F	3000	...	200	594	212
81	Egremont	...	...	1859	1865	F	4500	...	...	754	450
82	Liverpool—Canning Street	...	...	1844	1880	F	7500	...	...	984	508
83	" —Derby Road	...	...	1855	1877	L 73	9400	...	...	1100	808
84	" —Everton Valley	...	...	1862	1869	L	5000	...	...	1000	605
85	" —Fairfield	...	...	1864	1866	F	4500	...	...	600	419
86	" —Islington	...	...	1845	1874	F	5000	...	...	832	622
87	" —Mount Pleasant	...	...	1807	1881	L	6000	...	...	1000	470
88	" —Prince's Road	...	...	1864	1879	F	5500	1350	...	596	336
89	" —Queen's Road	...	...	1861	1864	F	6000	1160	...	800	450
90	" —St. George's	...	...	1845	1877	F	6000	...	...	1105	597
91	" —St. Peter's	...	...	1842	1878	F	6000	...	...	700	277
92	" —Sefton Park	...	...	1879	1880	L	15750	...	...	800	780
93	" —Shaw Street	...	...	1860	1876	F	3000	...	...	500	170
94	" —Trinity	...	...	1857	1858	F	2560	...	...	500	270
95	" —Union	...	...	1876	1878	L 71	5000	1100	...	907	free
96	" —Vauxhall Road	...	...	1867	1868	F	3000	...	...	450	free
97	Parkgate	...	...	1858	1875	private	...	...	...	250	free
98	Ramsey	...	...	1834	1878	C	500	...	...	180	113
99	Rock Ferry	...	...	1856	1857	F	4000	...	...	630	323
100	St. Helen's	...	...	1867	1875	L 984	6000	...	...	500	183
101	Southport	...	...	1870	1879	L	6150	...	...	450	226
102	Sutton	...	...	1850	1880	F	500	...	...	275	125
103	Waterloo	...	...	1873	1873	F	4500	...	...	343	278
	One Preaching Station	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
							148760	6411	650	20383	10708
LONDON.											
104	Aldershot	...	...	1862	1863	F	2800	c160	300	700	d180
105	Aston Tirrold	...	...	1847	1874	F	500	...	...	150	free
106	Bournemouth	...	...	1857	¹⁸⁶⁶ 1878	eF	f4700	...	...	330	270
107	Brighton—Queen's Road	...	...	1845	1880	F	4000	...	550	750	free
108	" —Trinity	...	...	1870	1871	F	2000	400	...	400	300
109	Canterbury	...	...	1877	vacant	F	3000	1600	...	440	72
110	Chatham	...	...	1839	1874	L 99	750	...	...	600	free
111	Croydon	...	...	1867	1880	F	9400	...	1000	531	280
112	Darenth	...	...	1881	1882	F	...	...	...	100	free
	Carried forward	...	...	...	...	...	27150	2160	1850	4001	1102

(a) Inclusive of £1,200 insured on Manse.

(b) Lecture Hall.

(c) On School.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND--continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	No. lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.		
							1882.	1881.												
9	...	15	17	33	26	35	336	347	10	38	5	26	...	32	289	...	20	34	73	
11	...	16	27	14	1	6	281	247	1	8	...	7	6	34	400	...	42	80	74	
9	...	17	27	27	6	17	396	365	4	11	4	20	12	63	708	...	35	20	75	
6	...	5	12	8	11	10	144	145	2	10	3	5	...	12	150	...	...	15	76
12	10	...	34	...	19	...	427	453	...	...	...	12	27	59	693	1104	...	26	77
6	...	15	5	15	11	13	201	205	2	11	3	20	25	22	401	...	40	16	78	
3	4	6	2	14	2	13	128	126	1	8	1	...	8	26	177	...	...	...	79
5	3	...	13	16	15	11	172	169	...	10	3	...	...	17	96	...	...	...	80
10	...	12	...	35	30	...	461	456	...	35	...	50	100	118	1150	600	54	45	81	
8	7	...	35	29	30	24	501	491	...	16	7	30	8	103	1062	...	60	100	82	
14	...	15	40	62	40	24	900	862	3	48	10	43	40	67	677	...	...	30	83
12	...	15	32	30	54	50	617	659	4	44	8	20	13	67	725	...	30	34	84	
5	...	10	25	36	...	...	309	308	3	25	...	15	40	46	646	...	54	23	85
7	...	15	36	11	13	10	640	644	5	33	10	8	36	58	735	...	46	140	86	
10	...	16	20	21	15	42	356	372	...	8	8	...	15	56	490	...	...	50	87
11	...	15	13	39	19	44	426	437	3	39	10	14	20	26	275	...	...	50	88
10	...	24	12	36	21	49	419	441	8	26	7	20	15	58	600	...	40	30	89	
4	11	...	22	43	10	23	460	428	6	21	6	8	42	53	400	...	36	110	90	
10	...	18	19	16	34	72	409	480	2	26	5	12	...	36	374	...	50	40	91	
9	11	...	20	55	8	15	346	294	5	21	1	...	...	24	195	...	55	50	92
5	...	9	17	10	25	23	184	205	2	16	3	7	12	19	155	...	...	25	93
4	...	9	1	7	12	...	207	195	1	10	...	...	21	16	125	...	18	60	94
14	...	24	70	48	25	27	570	500	6	46	5	14	24	62	664	...	62	40	95	
3	6	...	3	2	2	...	101	98	1	9	...	...	60	11	133	...	...	16	96
2	...	8	7	12	5	3	70	59	1	4	2	11	36	10	145	...	...	...	97
2	...	7	3	4	...	...	66	59	...	3	...	...	...	13	110	...	...	10	98
5	...	15	8	12	3	6	257	246	4	15	3	30	80	47	738	...	...	40	99
5	...	12	7	10	12	7	130	132	2	12	1	6	12	25	322	...	...	35	100
8	...	8	7	17	11	3	151	141	2	3	...	...	...	12	119	...	...	...	101
2	...	8	14	4	2	1	92	74	1	4	1	5	12	11	100	85	...	15	102	
4	...	8	...	...	2	...	130	107	1	6	...	20	20	35	326	...	20	10	103
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	53	...	...	...	...
225	52	322	548	666	464	528	9887	9745	80	566	106	403	684	1242	13233	1789	662	1144	...	
4	...	15	33	4	4	2	137	106	38	16	2	...	14	28	222	...	...	...	104
3	...	2	1	2	1	2	54	54	...	1	2	4	14	6	63	32	...	26	105	
9	3	...	4	31	1	19	150	135	...	8	5	...	16	12	105	...	...	35	106
3	5	...	14	8	10	34	250	272	4	11	5	...	25	35	410	...	50	70	107	
4	...	12	3	15	10	8	120	120	...	...	8	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	108
2	...	5	2	...	...	...	55	44	...	...	...	...	...	8	120	...	...	...	109
4	4	...	13	13	...	25	82	81	4	9	1	6	14	12	136	...	...	20	110
5	12	...	15	17	23	...	188	179	1	8	...	...	24	14	134	...	14	16	111
...	...	5	2	16	...	...	47	29	...	4	...	...	...	5	46	...	...	...	112
34	24	39	87	106	49	90	1083	1020	47	57	23	10	122	120	1236	32	64	167	...	

(d) Exclusive of 80 sittings occupied by soldiers.

(e) Manse leasehold.

(f) Inclusive of £1,700 insured on Manse.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
	Brought forward ...				£	£	£		
113	Eastbourne ...	1878	1878	F	27150	2160	1850	4001	1102
114	Edenbridge ...	1882	1882	...	6500	3700	...	700	450
115	Gravesend ...	1868	1879	F	...	...	...	200	80
116	Guernsey ...	1856 ^a	1882	P	4200	1500	...	750	230
117	Highfields Withyham ...	1881	1881	P	500	...	...	300	45
118	Holybourne ...	1880	1882	F	...	...	...	200	free
119	Ipswich ...	1868	1880	private	150	...	...	270	free
120	Jersey ...	1856	1882	F	3550	490	...	470	187
121	Lewes ...	1865	1877	P	3000	...	...	520	259
122	London—Belgrave ...	1846	1882	F	2000	...	...	350	80
123	" —Bermondsey ...	1873	1882	F	4000	3000	...	620	365
124	" —Blackheath ...	1881	vacant	F	600	500	...	320	129
125	" —Bow Road ...	1869	1872	F	51000	250	...	250	65
126	" —Brockley ...	1877	1881	L 73	3300	1225	...	468	63
127	" —Camberwell ...	1867	1875	P	5600	3000	...	977	302
128	" —Camden Road ...	1857	vacant	F	5100	1250	...	550	457
129	" —Canonbury ...	1662	1880	L 85	6000	2000	...	700	240
130	" —Clapham Road ...	1861	1875	L	3500	...	...	450	180
131	" —Clapton ...	1856	1861	F	12300	...	...	1380	950
132	" —Crouch Hill ...	1876	1876	F	6000	800	...	550	250
133	" —Ealing ...	1875	1876	F	7000	500	...	600	free
134	" —East India Dock Road ...	1865	1865	F	800	...	...	...	...
135	" —Forest Hill ...	1870	vacant	L 74	2200	...	...	350	160
136	" —Greenwich ...	1842	1873	F	4000	...	...	500	428
137	" —Hammersmith ...	1868	1869	L 64	7650	...	...	825	316
138	" —Hampstead ...	1845	1864	L 86	4500	1450	...	550	338
139	" —Highbury ...	1859	1860	F	4500	...	...	475	260
140	" —Islington ...	1839	1863	L 67	14000	...	...	950	593
141	" —Kensington ...	1862	1882	F	4650	750	...	753	662
142	" —Kentish Town ...	1869	1882	L 75	6500	2500	...	650	250
143	" —Kingston-on-Thames... ..	1874	1879	L 56	2000	1400	...	700	71
144	" —Marylebone ...	1844	1870	L	600	...	...	230	140
145	" —Millwall ...	1862	1872	L 89	12000	4500	2000	1575	947
146	" —New Barnet ...	1870	1877	L 78	1000	...	...	300	106
147	" —Notting Hill ...	1872	1880	F	2400	...	...	280	105
148	" —Oxenden ...	1737	1873	F	8200	...	...	790	382
149	" —Putney ...	1879	1879	F	5000	2200	...	560	160
150	" —Regent Square ...	1822	1869	F	1500	1715	...	320	165
151	" —Richmond ...	1877	1878	F	15000	...	...	998	980
152	" —St. John's Wood ...	1853	1880	F	1400	1100	...	135	123
153	" —Somers Town... ..	1873	1876	F	9000	...	...	850	833
154	" —South Kensington ...	1872	1873	L 47	6000	...	...	1000	492
155	" —Southwark ...	1845	1846	F	7700	3200	...	800	390
156	" —Stepney ...	1844	1881	L	2000	...	...	800	150
157	" —Stoke Newington ...	1880	vacant	L 31	3000	...	...	850	184
158	" —Stratford ...	1863	1877	...	...	...	...	...	...
159	" —Streatham ...	1875	1881	F	4500	1500	...	810	315
160	" —Tooting ...	1881	1881	F	4800	1680	...	389	182
161	" —Tottenham ...	1863	1864	F	800	...	300	500	139
	Carried forward ...				3400	780		450	223
					240550	42370	4939	32016	14528

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. admitted 1st Time.	No. received by Certificate.	No. removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1882.	1881.											
34	24	39	87	106	49	90	1083	1020	47	57	23	10	122	120	1236	32	64	167	
7	...	16	18	9	5	5	196	179	3	14	2	...	36	18	136	...	...	70	113
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	86	...	...	...	114
1	6	...	1	5	2	2	167	165	...	4	...	...	4	16	232	70	...	...	115
2	...	...	...	22	...	1	35	20	2	4	1	...	...	8	54	...	...	...	116
2	...	...	1	4	...	...	23	19	...	1	...	...	...	3	50	...	...	...	117
1	...	...	12	2	1	5	39	31	...	1	...	3	...	10	35	...	...	...	118
7	...	...	7	9	10	5	115	104	1	11	2	13	20	18	173	...	22	30	119
3	...	...	8	5	8	14	208	217	3	9	5	25	30	31	217	...	...	101	120
5	2	...	...	2	...	2	71	77	...	2	1	4	27	12	121	...	10	15	121
5	7	...	12	65	18	43	278	262	...	9	2	4	100	32	291	...	49	56	122
...	...	...	18	8	3	16	93	86	...	8	3	...	...	20	204	...	...	...	123
5	...	...	...	15	...	1	50	35	...	...	1	2	...	8	94	...	...	...	124
1	...	5	2	8	8	6	66	70	3	3	...	...	...	10	104	...	...	...	125
6	4	...	29	38	9	14	221	177	3	3	2	35	...	31	268	...	56	130	126
8	9	...	33	29	13	22	373	346	...	19	...	12	40	35	468	...	80	36	127
6	9	...	5	7	9	14	227	238	6	30	3	4	46	67	463	...	42	...	128
4	...	12	16	6	4	17	148	147	...	8	...	15	30	34	310	...	40	40	129
18	...	12	61	113	33	195	939	993	6	54	12	12	180	85	1014	...	81	180	130
3	2	9	5	10	6	17	142	152	2	6	2	7	23	19	188	...	...	30	131
6	...	...	7	24	29	6	149	153	2	10	3	...	19	15	164	...	50	30	132
1	15	7	10	5	4	10	85	84	...	2	3	5	16	10	84	...	...	14	133
5	5	...	5	20	6	19	160	160	4	...	2	10	...	17	180	...	25	10	134
7	...	14	5	16	...	...	212	230	...	...	...	...	...	27	239	...	...	28	135
8	10	...	19	11	4	17	265	252	3	9	...	6	20	27	277	...	...	45	136
4	...	12	9	21	17	14	163	154	3	13	2	...	38	8	119	...	67	15	137
10	10	...	4	18	7	23	228	237	1	4	4	7	30	17	124	...	28	176	138
14	...	12	40	36	36	44	527	531	4	11	7	26	75	72	1157	...	57	60	139
11	21	3	...	...	...	57	507	500	3	22	7	...	49	58	721	...	45	63	140
2	6	...	4	42	7	23	134	118	1	6	2	8	33	...	...	...	...	54	141
2	...	...	43	18	1	4	96	40	...	12	2	...	20	18	222	...	...	24	142
6	2	...	9	5	4	2	103	95	1	8	2	...	13	12	130	...	22	20	143
17	16	...	24	47	35	42	890	896	3	25	9	7	...	104	1172	...	43	45	144
5	3	...	5	7	2	12	136	138	4	5	...	3	...	21	420	...	...	21	145
2	...	7	7	7	10	1	74	71	1	3	1	4	26	12	93	...	20	21	146
10	9	...	17	13	20	38	237	261	1	8	1	11	12	51	569	...	...	47	147
6	...	12	13	23	8	30	169	171	2	9	2	...	14	36	310	...	...	22	148
...	...	6	6	7	1	20	80	86	3	4	2	...	20	...	...	...	...	25	149
24	16	...	20	103	55	46	788	766	4	25	16	25	66	175	1866	...	71	52	150
4	7	...	4	15	11	8	96	96	...	5	1	...	20	...	...	...	...	12	151
11	...	12	72	72	6	48	621	531	8	23	11	24	70	67	810	...	64	110	152
...	...	35	147	40	90	42	700	645	7	42	5	26	43	...	...	...	45	85	153
2	...	10	...	...	...	...	260	267	...	...	...	...	...	17	150	...	20	40	154
3	...	6	9	3	...	12	181	181	2	10	3	3	...	11	120	...	12	12	155
9	8	...	15	8	8	17	214	216	2	4	3	3	40	22	269	...	38	...	156
...	...	...	...	2	5	1	26	28	...	4	1	...	...	12	116	...	...	...	157
5	...	14	30	18	17	4	265	238	5	5	3	...	12	29	250	...	...	...	158
4	...	6	8	25	4	3	111	85	...	5	1	10	24	16	170	...	...	34	159
5	...	...	6	13	5	1	55	42	1	12	1	...	10	12	196	...	17	...	160
5	5	...	6	24	13	27	150	160	4	15	2	8	20	42	452	95	78	15	161
307	196	289	863	1104	580	1042	12177	11770	145	544	155	332	1357	1486	16118	197	1146	1935	

(b) Hall only built.

(c) On Organ.

(d) On Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.										
No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.	
						Church.	Manse.			
					£	£	£			
	Brought forward				240550	42370	4939	32016	14528	
162	London—Upper Norwood	1874	1874	L 85	6000	3600	...	546	290	
163	" —Victoria Docks	1874	1881	L 89	3500	...	...	420	143	
164	" —Wandsworth..	1872	1877	F	5000	...	...	650	188	
165	" —Westbourne Grove	1861	1871	F	7300	...	...	...	...
166	" —Whitefield—St. Giles'	1873	vacant	L 23	1000	...	...	700	100	
167	" —Willesden	1875	1875	L 91	4500	...	...	375	333	
168	" —Wood Green	1875	1879	F	7300	61300	...	500	315	
169	" —Woolwich New Road	1839	1876	F	5000	600	...	1100	309	
170	" —" St. Andrew's	1861	1880	L 87	3000	29	...	431	260	
171	Norwich...	1867	1881	F	c5800	...	1100	650	257	
172	Portsmouth	1859	1876	L 999	5000	2996	...	520	225	
173	Rangoon	1881	1881	F	835	417	275	350	free	
174	Reading	1876	1876	F	4000	3000	...	540	f200	
175	St. Leonard's-on-Sea	1882	1882	...	...	...	...	...	...
176	Silverhill, Hastings	1853	1877	F	1800	...	...	245	125	
177	Singapore	...	1883	F	...	...	...	156	97	
178	Southampton—St. Andrew's	1849	1880	F	4000	...	...	600	344	
179	" —Totton	1876	1876	F	500	200	...	200	70	
180	" —Woolston	1874	1880	F	4000	...	...	386	f215	
181	Wallington	1880	1880	...	...	...	...	250	free	
	Two Preaching Stations	...	...	F	1500	50	...	600	d121	
					310585	54562	6314	41235	18120	
MANCHESTER.										
182	Blackburn—Mount Street	1866	1874	L 999	1000	...	...	560	87	
183	" —St. George's	1809	1868	L 984	6000	...	...	1000	654	
184	Bolton	1840	1882	F	1500	...	...	500	302	
185	Bradford	1847	1878	F	2000	350	...	526	290	
186	Crewe	1845	1882	F	2000	...	...	380	140	
187	Leeds—Cavendish Road	1864	1876	F	5500	3150	...	600	280	
188	" —St. Columba	1853	1864	F	...	...	...	...	...
189	Manchester—Ancoats	1839	vacant	F	2000	...	...	600	free	
190	" —Bowdon	1868	1869	L	5000	...	...	400	300	
191	" —Brunswick Street	1798	1861	F	4000	...	...	644	353	
192	" —Coupland Street	1849	1863	P	3409	...	...	650	459	
193	" —Eccles	1877	1880	L 994	400	...	...	200	95	
194	" —Grosvenor Square	1836	1880	F	10800	...	...	820	343	
195	" —Higher Broughton	1874	1877	C	6000	...	...	650	182	
196	" —Longsight...	1871	1878	F	4000	e425	...	370	246	
197	" —Pendleton...	1871	vacant	F	2000	...	...	500	169	
198	" —St. Andrew's	1846	1872	F	4100	...	...	890	351	
199	" —Sale	1874	1874	F	6500	...	...	700	223	
200	" —Salford	1845	1873	C	5000	...	...	800	163	
201	" —Trinity	1845	1847	F	3500	...	...	720	420	
202	" —Whalley Range	1877	1877	L 995	3000	440	...	350	190	
203	" —Withington	1867	1882	F	4500	550	404	
	Carried forward	82200	4365	...	12410	5651	

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

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Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
						1882.	1881.											
196	289	863	1104	580	1042	12177	11770	145	544	155	332	1357	1486	16118	197	1146	1935	
3	16	7	29	17	8	171	166	...	...	2	...	20	5	45	...	...	35	162
4	7	14	8	13	7	142	140	2	17	2	...	7	17	473	...	...	...	163
4	...	8	17	8	15	197	195	1	7	3	6	26	17	220	...	43	23	164
6	13	...	...	...	...	221	222	2	5	...	...	30	20	224	...	18	...	165
6	...	6	1	27	26	165	211	2	10	6	...	18	20	220	as50	...	...	166
6	11	8	43	9	5	239	181	3	9	3	27	30	58	711	...	...	...	167
6	8	34	20	16	14	201	177	4	18	1	15	25	12	189	...	63	40	168
5	6	11	12	33	11	211	234	5	27	11	9	29	29	300	140	31	84	169
4	12	14	4	4	3	190	178	1	10	3	5	...	28	305	...	...	...	170
4	10	7	11	4	16	178	180	3	8	1	6	...	13	124	...	25	19	171
8	1	3	8	6	38	152	185	...	3	6	...	...	17	120	...	...	40	172
1	7	8	11	2	8	75	60	2	11	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	173
2	5	11	...	15	11	154	170	2	8	...	21	33	25	195	...	25	15	174
3	5	17	59	3	2	71	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	175
3	6	8	6	2	2	67	57	1	2	2	11	12	19	184	...	...	...	176
5	5	3	3	21	9	80	73	6	14	1	...	...	3	21	...	...	...	177
7	8	19	34	6	14	240	207	5	16	5	15	58	37	319	...	...	...	178
12	...	4	3	4	3	29	28	...	3	...	5	...	7	63	...	...	...	179
3	...	...	...	...	...	109	114	7	29	1	12	16	17	218	...	...	...	180
3	6	20	9	8	11	88	78	...	5	1	6	16	21	100	...	14	15	181
...	18	2	...	...	...	114	97	...	4	...	...	...	17	152	...	...	5	
20	241	402	1066	1401	764	1245	15271	14717	191	751	206	470	1677	1868	20301	387	1365	2226
2	16	2	...	...	17	48	63	8	3	1	3	...	10	97	...	...	15	182
12	25	14	35	7	39	444	441	19	25	6	45	...	52	663	120	46	31	183
7	11	10	13	12	7	281	274	4	23	4	12	4	26	228	...	40	24	184
8	14	10	15	10	5	226	214	1	13	3	12	30	24	250	...	20	25	185
1	6	35	5	3	1	96	60	...	7	1	...	16	15	158	820	...	36	186
7	15	21	27	9	16	246	223	1	17	3	7	...	29	280	...	33	62	187
2	4	...	...	...	...	47	125	...	...	...	...	...	4	40	...	...	...	188
6	7	10	17	11	16	210	210	2	14	3	27	4	24	250	550	25	18	189
6	6	12	11	22	...	123	122	3	7	...	...	14	9	80	...	...	10	190
11	15	8	9	13	33	295	324	4	10	4	9	30	49	515	130	25	35	191
14	15	10	21	12	16	337	334	3	8	5	37	38	51	466	...	29	40	192
...	9	12	9	2	5	90	76	...	4	1	...	...	7	72	...	28	10	193
11	16	17	14	4	21	385	379	2	29	12	26	61	44	598	...	...	...	194
4	5	3	13	3	11	84	82	1	4	4	...	20	7	65	...	24	25	195
7	10	21	5	35	17	159	179	1	12	5	...	...	36	324	...	...	...	196
5	12	...	7	10	1	139	143	2	8	1	19	...	26	317	...	19	...	197
8	6	14	20	7	10	256	253	3	9	2	12	25	28	235	...	38	25	198
4	17	7	14	8	8	135	130	2	6	...	22	26	20	145	...	21	...	199
6	12	7	7	11	15	198	211	...	10	5	28	6	28	345	446	38	18	200
9	5	14	18	21	3	306	294	4	17	3	12	18	23	200	...	33	50	201
4	9	7	11	2	12	99	95	2	5	2	2	...	15	81	...	10	12	202
10	3	13	28	14	24	228	225	4	14	5	...	35	23	225	...	49	65	203
44	64	188	253	286	219	281	4432	4457	66	245	70	273	327	550	5634	2066	478	526

(r) On the Schools.

(r) No return having come to hand the figures for last year have been inserted.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Mans.		
	Brought forward ...				£	£	£	12410	5651
204	Preston ...	1877	1877	F	500	...	...	250	157
205	Ramsbottom ...	1817	1874	L 999	4000	200	...	650	250
206	Risley ...	1862	vacant	F	...	...	...	120	12
207	Rochdale ...	1866	1867	L 988	4000	...	...	800	free
208	Sheffield ...	1854	1854	L 800	4000	...	...	470	336
209	Warrington ...	1855	1877	L 924	3000	...	...	550	120
210	Wharton ...	1862	1862	F	1500	...	...	300	230
211	Wigan ...	1869	1881	F	4000	2200	...	620	166
	One Preaching Station ...	...	...	F	...	...	...	150	free
					103200	6765		16320	6920
NEWCASTLE.									
212	Bellingham ...	1806	1871	F	...	...	...	260	170
213	Blackhill ...	1857	1869	F	2500	...	...	350	164
214	Blyth—Bridge Street ...	1827	1861	P	500	50	...	450	...
215	" —Waterloo Road ...	1779	1861	F	4000	1300	...	550	237
216	Durham ...	1872	1880	F	2500	600	...	380	157
217	Falstone ...	1709	1882	F	500	...	...	270	210
218	Gateshead—Durham Road ...	1869	1876	F	5000	2900	...	850	425
219	" —Ellison Street ...	1786	1879	F	1000	...	...	450	228
220	Gosforth ...	1877	1877	F	1200	592	...	280	129
221	Hebburn ...	1869	1882	L 81	7000	...	...	725	240
222	Hexham ...	1830	1856	F	1600	...	...	360	free
223	Houghton-le-Spring ...	1825	1869	F	3000	900	...	400	150
224	Jarrow—Ellison Street ...	1852	1857	L 81	4800	...	...	920	500
225	" —St. Kilda's ...	1857	1873	L 93	2000	...	...	312	...
226	Killingworth ...	1869	1881	F	400	...	...	170	32
227	Newcastle—Barras Bridge ...	1744	¹⁸³⁴ 1876	F	4000	1000	...	700	591
228	" —Blackett Street ...	1743	1862	F	5000	...	...	650	640
229	" —Erskine ...	1853	1857	F	1000	160	...	365	120
230	" —Heaton ...	1877	1878	F	800	300	...	194	134
231	" —John Knox ...	1698	1882	F	4175	...	...	616	428
232	" —St. George's ...	1851	1854	F	2900	500	...	600	...
233	" —Trinity ...	1765	1875	F	4000	...	...	776	760
234	" —Westmoreland Road ...	1801	1872	F	4000	1250	...	750	500
235	North Shields—Howard Street ...	1662	1873	F	2500	...	...	600	430
236	" —Northumberland Square ...	1780	1882	F	3000	400	...	660	527
237	Seaham ...	1881	1882	...	...	...	...	150	...
238	Seaton Burn ...	1873	1874	L 67	800	...	...	250	82
239	Seaton Delaval ...	1845	1857	L	1000	...	...	400	219
240	South Shields—Laygate ...	1849	1862	F	3550	...	...	500	free
241	" —Mile End Road ...	1719	1867	F	2000	...	...	520	290
242	" —St. John's ...	1728	1870	F	4000	630	4419
	Carried forward	78725	9952	...	15088	7770

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapses, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.		
							1882.	1881.												
44	64	188	253	286	219	281	4432	4457	66	245	70	273	327	560	5634	2066	478	526		
6	...	20	27	11	14	14	190	180	2	14	3	6	...	21	240	...	22	25	204	
4	9	4	3	4	...	7	159	159	...	17	2	12	...	31	288	179	35	30	205	
...	...	...	1	...	...	1	13	13	...	...	...	...	...	3	31	124	...	...	206
7	...	16	3	3	6	2	116	118	7	5	2	...	14	30	320	...	...	23	207
3	...	9	17	18	19	15	223	222	3	13	3	6	12	24	232	...	40	14	208	
3	...	8	...	13	3	5	76	71	...	6	2	6	...	14	175	...	...	17	209
4	...	12	3	...	...	2	71	70	1	7	1	6	...	24	216	249	32	...	210
7	4	...	15	6	5	10	134	128	5	15	...	2	...	21	247	230	18	30	211	
1	...	...	2	...	...	6	22	26	...	...	2	...	...	6	58	...	...	...
189	77	257	324	341	266	343	5436	5444	84	322	85	311	353	724	7441	2848	625	665		
7	...	10	4	7	8	9	150	156	2	12	4	8	...	7	54	...	...	40	212
4	...	13	15	11	22	2	171	169	2	10	2	...	...	15	155	...	...	18	213
5	...	9	2	3	6	12	100	109	5	6	6	...	...	24	140	...	...	...	214
5	...	6	...	...	...	...	211	230	14	11	...	20	50	35	283	...	...	20	215
5	...	12	6	18	13	17	143	149	2	7	3	...	...	13	82	...	...	27	216
8	...	4	3	...	3	...	172	172	2	12	...	...	...	5	49	140	...	9	217
9	...	15	21	26	17	22	370	362	8	23	6	25	...	29	309	...	...	49	218
7	6	...	28	27	6	9	319	278	3	15	3	30	10	36	320	...	25	17	219	
6	...	10	1	9	14	...	60	64	1	5	...	...	...	8	90	...	...	...	220
5	14	...	22	45	4	10	215	162	1	37	2	10	...	23	295	...	35	30	221	
6	...	12	14	12	2	10	178	164	2	11	6	...	...	15	127	...	...	...	222
8	...	13	9	10	...	11	128	120	4	10	6	...	...	12	100	...	...	15	223
17	...	12	24	44	37	28	524	521	...	36	5	...	...	49	566	...	20	40	224
...	...	9	...	...	...	...	97	108	...	4	...	...	...	11	95	...	...	7	225
4	2	...	...	...	...	1	44	82	...	5	1	...	...	5	60	...	...	...	226
8	...	11	15	35	19	11	423	403	5	23	9	13	...	51	420	...	65	65	227	
13	...	22	23	42	38	30	627	630	...	19	15	12	16	72	623	...	63	35	228	
9	...	13	15	23	20	20	203	210	2	12	...	...	...	24	215	...	...	16	229
3	...	9	7	12	8	14	116	119	1	14	4	...	...	...	161	...	15	12	230
13	4	...	33	12	11	27	510	503	1	15	8	22	20	49	477	...	53	158	231	
10	...	15	18	7	...	7	330	341	2	23	7	9	...	19	100	...	33	...	232	
18	20	...	46	26	33	21	768	690	12	32	10	30	28	74	742	...	52	100	233	
12	...	24	16	48	8	38	506	488	...	33	...	...	24	27	289	...	...	30	234
9	12	...	15	17	10	27	364	369	5	36	7	9	15	35	382	344	21	42	235	
7	...	12	10	20	8	10	321	309	3	14	6	1	20	22	304	...	34	64	236	
4	...	6	12	2	2	9	69	66	...	12	3	4	...	2	20	...	...	10	237
5	...	14	4	8	10	8	104	110	...	4	1	...	...	10	145	...	...	28	238
6	5	...	...	3	7	9	115	128	1	8	3	...	...	9	72	179	...	...	239
12	13	...	26	23	15	14	380	390	4	22	4	...	...	48	527	...	65	50	240
7	...	15	5	22	9	11	225	218	1	7	6	8	20	23	369	...	26	32	241	
10	12	...	16	5	5	37	328	349	6	23	5	...	12	35	405	242	
242	88	266	410	517	335	424	8271	8169	89	501	132	201	215	787	7976	663	507	914		

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CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
					£	£	£		
	Brought forward ...				78725	9952		15088	7776
243	South Shields—St. Paul's ...	1809	1876	F	2300	...	...	550	238
244	Stamfordham ...	1662	1847	L	500	...	...	250	free
245	Sunderland—North Bridge Street ...	1778	1878	F	1600	...	...	438	270
246	„ —St. George's ...	1711	1875	C	3000	...	...	650	560
247	„ —St. Stephen's ...	1827	1880	C	2000	475	...	450	147
248	„ —Smyrna ...	1765	1835 1878	C	1600	...	...	500	254
249	„ —Trinity ...	1821	1876	L	4000	...	...	750	540
250	Swalwell ...	1733	1881	F	600	...	...	250	160
251	Walker ...	1842	1883	L 58	3400	...	...	450	236
252	Wallsend ...	1846	1879	L900	400	...	...	280	210
253	Wark ...	1842	1880	F	1800	...	...	160	109
254	Willington Quay ...	1877	1877	L 58	1800	10	...	354	151
					101725	10437	...	20170	10651
NORTHUMBERLAND.									
255	Alnwick—Clayport Street ...	1753	1852	F	1600	...	...	600	254
256	„ —Lisburn Street ...	1837	1843	F	1000	...	...	380	160
257	„ —St. James's ...	1669	1880	F	800	...	...	450	395
258	Bavington ...	1725	1853	F	1000	...	...	230	132
259	Bedlington ...	1843	1845	...	...	...	...	186	121
260	Birdhoepraig ...	1690	1875	L 42	500	...	...	450	166
261	Branton ...	1730	1842	F	1050	...	...	500	288
262	Embleton ...	1833	1880	L 12	...	...	...	340	206
263	Felton ...	1819	1881	L 32	500	...	115	300	160
264	Ganton ...	1783	1865	F	1150	...	...	500	345
265	Harbottle ...	1756	1871	L 873	400	...	...	450	242
266	Longframlington... ..	1739	1862	F	...	...	...	200	60
267	Morpeth ...	1700	1842	F	4000	...	...	850	400
268	Newbiggin ...	1863	1870	F	...	...	...	300	80
269	North Middleton ...	1817	1872	L 931	...	...	...	240	104
270	North Sunderland—East Church ...	1843	1865	C	...	...	...	300	98
271	„ „ —West Church ...	1808	1870	C	600	...	...	360	193
272	Otterburn ...	1831	1872	F	600	...	...	250	120
273	Thropton ...	1799	1849	L 116	400	...	...	300	140
274	Warenford ...	1751	1867	P	...	...	...	350	202
275	Warkworth ...	1826	1871	F	800	...	...	300	187
276	Widdrington ...	1765	1845	F	750	...	...	300	144
277	Wooler—Cheviot Street ...	1700	1833	{ yrly } { ture }	1000	...	...	820	338
278	„ —Tower Hill ...	1737	1880	aL	1400	...	...	420	150
279	„ —West Chapel... ..	1842	1843	F	...	...	...	560	252
					17550	...	115	9936	4943

(a) Manse freehold.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—*continued.*

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.		
							1882.	1881.												
242	88	266	410	517	335	424	8271	8169	89	501	132	201	215	787	7976	663	507	914		
6	...	20	13	7	9	29	263	281	4	14	8	...	...	32	339	...	15	63	243
3	7	...	5	...	3	...	81	80	1	5	...	...	...	2	22	...	...	7	244
10	7	...	2	10	5	44	188	225	4	10	4	10	...	32	359	...	...	34	245
7	7	...	23	28	12	19	500	480	7	31	8	40	30	60	720	...	40	88	246	
11	...	9	4	14	9	3	133	127	2	9	3	...	13	13	187	...	...	25	247
4	...	16	14	27	9	10	233	211	4	17	4	6	...	18	161	...	...	35	248
10	...	15	15	32	12	14	366	345	6	16	8	10	23	36	408	...	...	20	249
4	...	12	30	15	3	5	240	203	2	12	2	...	...	13	160	...	...	10	250
5	...	10	8	15	25	14	194	210	...	...	2	19	...	36	354	...	...	35	251
9	...	21	6	15	7	6	176	168	1	12	1	9	...	26	220	...	26	...	252	
5	...	5	4	9	...	3	78	68	...	5	3	...	...	3	42	...	...	9	253
5	...	14	7	12	10	5	128	124	...	12	1	4	...	26	204	...	20	30	254	
321	110	388	541	701	439	576	10851	10691	120	644	176	299	281	1084	11152	663	608	1270		
8	...	9	4	15	3	15	222	221	3	12	1	...	...	14	88	...	...	28	255
6	...	12	2	6	2	4	153	151	5	11	4	4	...	15	126	...	...	14	256
12	...	12	12	40	18	5	349	320	10	19	5	6	...	18	207	...	...	25	257
7	...	5	4	3	5	1	96	95	...	8	1	...	...	4	30	33	...	...	258
5	...	11	...	17	5	...	130	120	...	11	...	...	...	16	115	...	...	...	259
6	...	7	2	9	10	10	107	117	1	10	3	6	...	4	65	...	...	10	260
7	6	...	9	...	...	...	230	225	1	...	...	...	...	8	125	58	...	19	261
3	...	2	9	46	36	39	210	230	1	14	2	5	...	4	37	...	...	16	262
3	...	8	11	17	25	2	136	135	1	10	2	...	...	10	103	...	...	...	263
5	5	...	11	21	27	10	237	242	3	17	8	8	...	8	83	...	...	14	264
5	...	7	9	9	26	2	188	198	3	8	2	...	...	4	42	...	...	12	265
3	...	7	1	7	6	7	63	68	1	9	5	3	...	11	112	...	...	8	266
10	...	...	13	13	22	8	300	280	...	17	8	...	...	33	332	192	...	...	267
5	2	5	5	...	...	3	80	77	...	7	3	...	...	8	60	130	...	...	268
7	...	...	1	10	6	7	86	88	...	9	3	...	...	3	23	...	...	...	269
5	...	...	6	13	12	4	97	94	2	6	4	...	...	6	44	...	...	13	270
8	...	11	...	26	22	1	178	175	1	7	1	18	...	11	80	...	...	...	271
5	...	10	1	3	5	7	117	126	...	10	5	...	...	4	36	...	...	12	272
3	...	2	3	3	19	...	135	148	1	7	...	...	...	5	30	...	...	...	273
3	4	...	8	36	42	14	187	199	1	9	4	13	...	5	42	...	...	...	274
5	...	10	5	18	22	6	190	195	2	11	2	...	...	6	38	...	...	45	275
3	5	...	8	...	...	...	160	140	...	12	...	...	...	5	50	65	...	...	276
10	...	20	8	15	32	3	346	358	...	15	3	...	...	8	54	...	...	...	277
4	...	14	2	12	12	2	150	150	1	3	2	...	...	4	38	...	...	...	278
3	7	12	11	23	26	8	210	207	4	12	8	...	...	6	81	173	...	...	279
139	45	164	145	362	383	158	4357	4359	41	254	76	64	...	220	2041	651	...	216		

SUMMARY.—I. CONGREGATIONAL.

CHURCHES.				OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.									
PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Congregations.	Amount Insured.	DEPT.		Number of Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings Let.	Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificates.	No. Removed by Certificates.	Number Lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.
			Church.	Manse.										1882.	1881.										
Berwick ...	16	20550	£	£	7475	3911	108	33	90	146	406	524	167	3935	4045	22	205	81	66	59	192	1514	288	50	293
Birmingham ...	15	38866	2792	...	7604	1806	62	8	173	102	107	69	88	1577	1530	22	124	16	121	143	314	3235	...	204	265
Bristol ...	8	31300	2455	500	5833	2138	35	7	82	90	62	61	58	1279	1253	23	67	15	61	176	181	1856	130	67	163
Carlisle ...	13	14500	...	425	4696	2081	70	11	113	154	180	94	128	1927	1815	36	164	38	77	77	279	2461	40	81	236
Darlington ...	20	42400	11940	1581	9342	2376	94	58	146	226	212	119	207	2882	2809	51	172	39	134	58	412	4077	36	98	247
Liverpool ...	31	148760	6411	650	20383	10708	225	52	322	548	666	464	528	9887	9745	80	566	106	403	684	1242	13233	1789	662	1144
London ...	78	310585	54562	6314	41235	18120	390	241	402	1066	1401	764	1245	15271	14717	191	751	206	470	1677	1868	20301	387	1365	2226
Manchester ...	30	103200	6765	...	16320	6920	189	77	257	324	341	266	343	5436	5444	84	322	85	311	353	724	7441	2848	625	665
Newcastle ...	43	101725	10437	...	20170	10651	321	110	388	541	701	439	576	10851	10691	120	644	176	299	281	1084	11152	663	608	1270
Northumberland	25	17550	...	115	9936	4943	139	45	164	145	362	383	158	4357	4359	41	254	76	64	...	220	2041	651	...	216
	279	829436	96815	10585	142994	63654	1633	642	2137	3342	4438	3183	3498	57402	56408	670	3269	838	2006	3508	6516	67311	6882	3761	6725

TABLES
OF
GENERAL STATISTICS.

PART II.
FINANCIAL.

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.													
No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Income for Congregational Purposes.				Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation giving.
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.									
PRESBYTERIES.													
BERWICK.													
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ d.
1	Ancroft Moor ...	48	10	34	...	92	...	92	*155	80	10 0	1 11 1	
2	Beaumont Union ...	89	7	38	...	134	...	134	*185	88	16 6	3 6 1	
3	Belford—Columba ...	69	14	30	...	113	4	117	*190	105	0 0	2 0 6	
4	„ —Erskine ...	83	8	71	4	166	...	166	*185	118	13 3	3 7 10	
5	Berwick—Bank Hill ...	88	21	122	6	237	5	242	*200	200	0 0	3 15 7	
6	„ —Church Street...	...	...	279	45	324	...	324	200	...		4 16 10	
7	„ —Wallace Green ..	465	...	268	529	1262	80	1342	*450	86	2 5	15 4 9	86 5
8	Chatton ...	93	20	62	...	175	...	175	*200	160	0 0	3 6 8	
9	Crookham ...	75	26	9	...	110	...	110	*185	110	0 0	2 2 6	
10	Etal... ..	81	15	29	5	130	32	162	*185	110	0 0	2 15 2	
11	Horncliffe ...	63	11	49	...	123	...	123	+*200	105	0 0	2 9 5	
12	Lowick ...	74	23	32	3	132	...	132	*200	105	0 0	2 18 11	
13	Norham—North Church ..	70	18	26	...	114	...	114	*200	108	0 0	2 10 8	
14	„ —South Church ...	58	5	70	1	134	...	134	*200	105	0 0	2 3 11	
15	Spittal ...	138	...	123	17	278	...	278	*200	...		4 8 9	
16	Tweedmouth ...	69	14	29	1	113	12	125	200	105	0 4	2 4 11	
	One Preaching Station ...	...	...	109	...	109	...	109	...	...		...
		1563	192	1380	611	3746	133	3879	3335	1587	2 6	59 3 7	86 5
BIRMINGHAM.													
17	Birmingham—Broad Street	94	63	142	78	377	66	443	200	200	0 0	3 18 0	
18	„ —Camphill† ..	147	75	292	45	559	...	559	350	206	0 0	5 12 0	6 0
19	„ —New John St.	50	52	84	11	197	33	230	200	147	13 5	2 5 0	
20	„ —Smethwick..	...	12	122	15	149	...	149	200	105	0 3	2 5 0	
21	Burton-on-Trent ...	63	...	187	27	277	...	277	200	...		2 16 0	
22	Derby ...	64	117	259	21	461	...	461	250	200	0 0	3 18 0	
23	Dudley ...	48	24	166	20	258	...	258	200	160	0 0	2 5 0	
24	Hanley ...	56	17	150	30	253	4	257	200	180	0 0	2 16 0	
25	Leicester ...	56	...	60	...	116	200	316	200	...		2 16 0	
26	Nottingham ...	191	125	199	52	567	26	593	335	205	0 0	3 18 0	5 0
27	Shrewsbury ...	26	72	61	8	167	...	167	200	140	0 0	2 5 0	
28	Stafford ...	52	36	156	2	246	...	246	200	180	0 0	2 16 0	
29	Walsall ...	61	...	249	...	310	...	310	230	...		2 5 0	
30	Wolverhampton ...	146	29	296	...	471	273	744	*300	156	5 0	5 0 0	6 0
31	Worcester ...	98	22	81	19	220	...	220	200	155	0 0	2 5 0	
		1152	644	2504	328	4628	602	5230	3465	2034	18 8	47 0 0	17 0
BRISTOL.													
32	Aberdare ...	21	34	198	...	253	...	253	200	125	0 0	2 10 0	
33	Bristol ...	272	...	370	133	775	...	775	400	...		5 12 0	
34	Cardiff ...	258	66	224	151	699	46	745	+*350	250	0 0	5 12 0	50 0
35	Cheltenham ...	Free	1	382	210	593	...	593	*350	235	0 0	5 12 0	35 0
36	Gloucester ...	91	65	226	12	394	35	429	230	205	0 0	4 5 0	5 0
37	Plymouth ...	130	15	126	53	324	...	324	370	210	0 0	4 5 0	10 0
38	Swansea ...	146	71	412	76	705	...	705	500	200	0 0	5 12 0	
39	Torquay ...	248	170	270	120	808	90	898	*450	250	0 0	5 12 0	50 0
		1166	422	2208	755	4551	171	4722	2850	1475	0 0	39 0 0	150 0

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† For 15 months.

‡ Minister pays interest.

FINANCIAL.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.														GRAND TOTAL.				No.
A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. R. S. T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z. AA. AB. AC. AD. AE. AF. AG. AH. AI. AJ. AK. AL. AM. AN. AO. AP. AQ. AR. AS. AT. AU. AV. AW. AX. AY. AZ. BA. BB. BC. BD. BE. BF. BG. BH. BI. BJ. BK. BL. BM. BN. BO. BP. BQ. BR. BS. BT. BU. BV. BW. BX. BY. BZ. CA. CB. CC. CD. CE. CF. CG. CH. CI. CJ. CK. CL. CM. CN. CO. CP. CQ. CR. CS. CT. CU. CV. CW. CX. CY. CZ. DA. DB. DC. DD. DE. DF. DG. DH. DI. DJ. DK. DL. DM. DN. DO. DP. DQ. DR. DS. DT. DU. DV. DW. DX. DY. DZ. EA. EB. EC. ED. EE. EF. EG. EH. EI. EJ. EK. EL. EM. EN. EO. EP. EQ. ER. ES. ET. EU. EV. EW. EX. EY. EZ. FA. FB. FC. FD. FE. FF. FG. FH. FI. FJ. FK. FL. FM. FN. FO. FP. FQ. FR. FS. FT. FU. FV. FW. FX. FY. FZ. GA. GB. GC. GD. GE. GF. GG. GH. GI. GJ. GK. GL. GM. GN. GO. GP. GQ. GR. GS. GT. GU. GV. GW. GX. GY. GZ. HA. HB. HC. HD. HE. HF. HG. HH. HI. HJ. HK. HL. HM. HN. HO. HP. HQ. HR. HS. HT. HU. HV. HW. HX. HY. HZ. IA. IB. IC. ID. IE. IF. IG. IH. II. IJ. IK. IL. IM. IN. IO. IP. IQ. IR. IS. IT. IU. IV. IW. IX. IY. IZ. JA. JB. JC. JD. JE. JF. JG. JH. JI. JJ. JK. JL. JM. JN. JO. JP. JQ. JR. JS. JT. JU. JV. JW. JX. JY. JZ. KA. KB. KC. KD. KE. KF. KG. KH. KI. KJ. KK. KL. KM. KN. KO. KP. KQ. KR. KS. KT. KU. KV. KW. KX. KY. KZ. LA. LB. LC. LD. LE. LF. LG. LH. LI. LJ. LK. LL. LM. LN. LO. LP. LQ. LR. LS. LT. LU. LV. LW. LX. LY. LZ. MA. MB. MC. MD. ME. MF. MG. MH. MI. MJ. MK. ML. MM. MN. MO. MP. MQ. MR. MS. MT. MU. MV. MW. MX. MY. MZ. NA. NB. NC. ND. NE. NF. NG. NH. NI. NJ. NK. NL. NM. NO. NP. NQ. NR. NS. NT. NU. NV. NW. NX. NY. NZ. OA. OB. OC. OD. OE. OF. OG. OH. OI. OJ. OK. OL. OM. ON. OO. OP. OQ. OR. OS. OT. OU. OV. OW. OX. OY. OZ. PA. PB. PC. PD. PE. PF. PG. PH. PI. PJ. PK. PL. PM. PN. PO. PP. PQ. PR. PS. PT. PU. PV. PW. PX. PY. PZ. QA. QB. QC. QD. QE. QF. QG. QH. QI. QJ. QK. QL. QM. QN. QO. QP. QQ. QR. QS. QT. QU. QV. QW. QX. QY. QZ. RA. RB. RC. RD. RE. RF. RG. RH. RI. RJ. RK. RL. RM. RN. RO. RP. RQ. RR. RS. RT. RU. RV. RW. RX. RY. RZ. SA. SB. SC. SD. SE. SF. SG. SH. SI. SJ. SK. SL. SM. SN. SO. SP. SQ. SR. SS. ST. SU. SV. SW. SX. SY. SZ. TA. TB. TC. TD. TE. TF. TG. TH. TI. TJ. TK. TL. TM. TN. TO. TP. TQ. TR. TS. TT. TU. TV. TW. TX. TY. TZ. UA. UB. UC. UD. UE. UF. UG. UH. UI. UJ. UK. UL. UM. UN. UO. UP. UQ. UR. US. UT. UU. UV. UW. UX. UY. UZ. VA. VB. VC. VD. VE. VF. VG. VH. VI. VJ. VK. VL. VM. VN. VO. VP. VQ. VR. VS. VT. VU. VW. VX. VY. VZ. WA. WB. WC. WD. WE. WF. WG. WH. WI. WJ. WK. WL. WM. WN. WO. WP. WQ. WR. WS. WT. WU. WV. WW. WX. WY. WZ. XA. XB. XC. XD. XE. XF. XG. XH. XI. XJ. XK. XL. XM. XN. XO. XP. XQ. XR. XS. XT. XU. XV. XW. XX. XY. XZ. YA. YB. YC. YD. YE. YF. YG. YH. YI. YJ. YK. YL. YM. YN. YO. YP. YQ. YR. YS. YT. YU. YV. YW. YX. YY. YZ. ZA. ZB. ZC. ZD. ZE. ZF. ZG. ZH. ZI. ZJ. ZK. ZL. ZM. ZN. ZO. ZP. ZQ. ZR. ZS. ZT. ZU. ZV. ZW. ZX. ZY. ZZ.	Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Jewish Mission.		Continental Missions.		Colleges.		Schools.		TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.			
	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.		
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FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.			Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.		
		Income for Congregational Purposes			Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.								
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.												
	CARLISLE.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
40	Bewcastle	76	7	21	...	104	...	104	*155	100 0 0	1 4 9	...	...	...
41	Brampton	41	18	74	...	133	25	158	200	110 0 0	0 18 11	...	...	...
42	Carlisle—Fisher Street ...	185	...	355	110	650	1198	1848	*350	250 18 9	7 10 2	50 18 9	...	...
43	—Warwick Road...	Free	...	335	38	373	7	380	*250	220 0 0	4 19 0	20 0 0	...	...
44	Cleator Moor	59	27	117	...	203	...	203	200	165 0 0	2 4 11	...	...	...
45	Haltwhistle	4	31	70	2	107	...	107	*155	80 0 0	0 18 6	...	...	...
46	Harrington	119	...	127	10	256	633	889	212	...	...	...	...	...
47	Maryport—Crosby Street .	82	38	78	15	213	3	216	200	140 0 0	2 7 10	...	...	...
48	—John Street ...	47	38	69	10	164	...	164	182	118 4 6	1 10 4	...	...	...
49	Penrith	24	56	127	8	215	...	215	200	155 0 4	2 11 6	...	...	...
50	Whitehaven—High Street	35	28	88	2	153	...	153	200	115 0 0	2 4 11	...	...	...
51	—Market Place	133	...	197	46	376	...	376	*236	215 0 0	4 6 3	15 0 0	...	...
52	Workington	80	34	83	14	211	22	233	200	164 15 6	2 7 10	...	...	...
	Two Preaching Stations ...	...	...	a93	...	93	...	93	...	...	...	...	...	...
		885	277	1834	255	3251	1888	5139	2740	1833 19 1	33 4 11	85 18 9				
	DARLINGTON.															
53	Bishop Auckland	Free	144	77	26	247	163	410	*200	180 0 0	3 1 6	...	...	...
54	Crook ... ..	...	64	70	...	134	...	134	*200	115 0 0	1 18 6	...	...	...
55	Darlington... ..	52	10	313	98	473	52	525	300	200 0 0	5 5 0	...	...	...
56	Grimsby	33	26	155	8	222	...	222	200	150 0 0	2 12 6	...	...	...
57	Harrogate	38	...	209	3	250	543	793	300	190 11 1	3 10 0	...	...	...
58	Hartlepool	58	47	142	11	258	2621	2879	200	155 0 0	3 10 0	...	...	...
59	Hull—Holderness Road ...	Free	38	299	5	342	6	348	200	200 0 0	3 10 0	...	...	...
60	—Prospect Street ...	Free	...	367	157	524	290	814	none	20 17 2	8 0 0	20 17 2	...	...
61	—Spring Bank	Free	56	154	2	212	33	245	*200	115 5 0	2 12 6	...	...	...
62	Middlesbro'—Newport Rd.	61	69	149	4	283	4	287	*200	175 0 0	3 10 0	...	...	...
63	—Trinity	85	62	170	20	337	1004	1341	250	200 0 0	3 10 0	...	...	...
64	Mount Pleasant	44	25	106	23	198	212	410	*200	120 0 0	2 2 0	...	...	...
65	Redcar	56	40	115	...	211	21	232	200	170 0 0	2 19 6	...	...	...
66	Scarborough	12	...	169	...	181	...	181	Vacant.	...	...	...	...	...
67	Stockton—St. Andrew's ...	132	119	94	35	380	85	465	*250	210 0 0	4 7 6	10 0 0	...	...
68	—St. George's	98	50	118	...	266	541	807	200	150 0 0	3 10 0	...	...	...
69	Towlaw	Free	42	86	1	129	16	145	*155	51 14 4	1 8 0	...	...	...
70	West Hartlepool	85	27	198	10	320	14	334	200	126 10 0	2 4 0	...	...	...
71	Whitby	41	37	198	16	292	1150	1442	200	125 0 0	2 2 0	...	...	...
72	York	65	20	255	1	341	181	522	250	20 0 0	3 10 0	...	...	...
		860	876	3444	420	5600	6936	12536	3905	2674 17 7	63 3 0	30 17				
	LIVERPOOL.															
73	Barrow-in-Furness	226	...	176	42	444	92	536	250	...	2 15 0	...	...	...
74	Birkenhead—Claughton ...	571	200	406	543	1720	766	2486	700	412 0 0	16 0 0	212 0	...	...
75	—Grange Road	372	...	351	344	1067	700	1767	600	66 13 0	11 5 0	66 13	...	...
76	—Hamilton	88	50	170	66	374	...	374	*205	200 0 0	1 17 6	...	...	...
77	—St. Andrew's	325	200	191	114	830	73	903	526	214 0 0	10 15 0	14 0	...	...
78	—St. Paul's	194	64	218	120	596	139	735	326	200 0 0	3 5 0	...	...	...
79	Chester	114	33	86	11	244	42	286	250	200 0 0	2 10 0	...	...	...
80	Douglas	101	30	155	15	301	8	309	*200	200 0 0	2 10 0	...	...	...
81	Egremont	352	...	388	796	1536	451	1987	500	250 12 0	11 5 0	50 12		
	Carried forward	2343	577	2141	2051	7112	2271	9383	3557	1743 5 0	62 2 6	343 5				

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(a) Representing Great Salkeld only. Penraddock accounts included in those of Penrith.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.													GRAND TOTAL.				No.		
Fund.	Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Jewish Mission.		Continental Missions.		College.		Schools.		TOTAL.		1882.			1881.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
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12 0 0	13 0 0	5 0 0	3 10 0	6 10 0	3 4 0	94 2 9	121 3 6	1942 2 9	802 3 6	42		
8 8 7	27 6 10	7 0 4	1 10 0	1 10 0	1 1 0	66 16 9	31 15 1	446 16 9	589 15 1	43		
...	5 1 1	5 1 1	5 2 0	208 1 1	214 2 0	44		
7 6	0 12 6	1 10 0	3 8 6	108 10 0	98 8 6	45		
...	889 0 0	1180 0 0	46		
1 10 0	7 4 0	9 13 1	6 7 6	225 13 1	390 7 0	47		
2 0 8	4 1 10	6 17 6	5 12 2	170 17 6	156 12 2	48		
...	10 14 10	10 14 10	8 3 2	225 14 10	187 3 2	49		
1 1 3	1 7 4	2 8 7	...	155 8 7	168 0 0	50		
3 5 0	23 17 6	3 4 8	3 19 0	49 6 2	50 17 9	425 6 2	438 17 9	51		
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13 7 10	296 11 2	9 19 8	7 10 3	348 9 1	336 14 11	1162 9 1	1564 14 11	60		
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...	1 7 0	8 9 6	1 1 0	10 17 6	1 11 0	297 17 6	452 11 0	62		
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...	1 6 3	6 14 5	1 2 6	9 3 2	8 11 11	419 3 2	205 11 11	64		
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No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Adv.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.				
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Adv.	Collec- tions, &c.								
	Brought forward ...	£ 2343	£ 577	£ 2141	£ 2051	£ 7112	£ 2271	£ 9383	£ 3557	£ s. d. 1743 5 0	£ s. d. 62 2 6	£ s. d. 343 5 0
82	Liverpool—Canning Street	472	200	194	383	1249	609	1858	700	327 9 1	16 0 0	127 9 1
83	" —Derby Road	641	...	358	409	1408	43	1451	600	68 11 11	13 0 0	63 11 1
84	" —Everton Valley	437	...	309	161	907	...	907	550	244 18 0	10 10 0	44 18 0
85	" —Fairfield	352	90	376	110	928	442	1370	600	320 0 0	12 0 0	120 0 0
86	" —Islington	482	...	302	407	1191	...	1191	*550	52 19 0	12 0 0	52 19 0
87	" —Mount Pleasant	330	...	713	465	1508	...	1508	500	80 0 0	14 0 0	80 0 0
88	" —Prince's Road	264	45	298	49	656	984	1640	400	200 0 0	4 10 0	...
89	" —Queen's Road	307	21	387	165	880	250	1130	500	210 0 0	9 5 0	10 0 0
90	" —St. George's	483	93	182	93	851	...	851	600	220 0 0	10 10 0	20 0 0
91	" —St. Peter's	167	60	176	120	523	99	622	300	205 0 0	4 10 0	5 0 0
92	" —Sefton Park	850	200	484	548	2082	...	2082	800	516 1 7	20 0 0	316 1 7
93	" —Shaw Street	121	43	190	13	367	88	455	250	200 0 0	2 12 6	...
94	" —Trinity	210	130	180	195	715	...	715	400	237 0 7	6 10 0	37 0 7
95	" —Union	Free	200	315	94	609	789	1398	400	210 0 0	4 10 0	10 0 0
96	" —Vauxhall Road	Free	...	115	...	115	...	115	200	115 7 0	0 12 6	...
97	Parkgate	...	82	101	3	186	...	186	200	155 0 0	1 10 0	...
98	Ramsey	28	30	71	6	135	20	155	200	120 0 0	1 10 0	...
99	Rock Ferry	264	200	210	361	1035	...	1035	507	303 1 0	10 0 0	103 1 0
100	St. Helen's	78	45	206	46	375	171	546	*235	205 0 0	1 10 0	5 0 0
101	Southport	190	99	334	40	663	...	663	400	210 0 0	6 10 0	10 0 0
102	Sutton	45	6	98	84	233	...	233	200	120 5 6	0 17 6	...
103	Waterloo	217	44	245	123	629	1560	2189	400	200 0 0	3 10 0	...
	One Preaching Station	...	...	131	...	131	...	131	...	...	...	...
		8281	2165	8116	5926	24488	7326	31814	13049	6263 18 8	228 0 0	1353 6 2
	LONDON.											
104	Aldershot	...	136	57	28	221	...	221	*200	150 3 10	2 2 0	...
105	Aston Tirrold	21	44	52	22	139	...	139	*200	110 0 0	1 10 0	...
106	Bournemouth	194	159	218	92	663	6	669	*400	230 0 0	5 5 0	30 0 0
107	Brighton—Queen's Road	602	5	141	71	819	650	1469	*500	263 19 11	5 10 0	63 19 1
108	" —Trinity	300	130	300	30	760	25	785	500	220 0 0	8 0 0	20 0 0
109	Canterbury	36	12	286	...	334	...	334	225	11 18 1	2 5 0	...
110	Chatham	...	110	21	30	161	42	203	200	109 2 11	1 10 0	...
111	Croydon	201	193	244	130	768	234	1002	*400	240 0 0	7 10 0	40 0 0
112	Darenth, Dartford	...	...	165	2	167	32	199	*200	267 2 2	1 10 0	625 7 2
113	Eastbourne	366	...	556	127	1049	74	1123	580	...	8 10 0	...
114	Edenbridge	15	...	75	...	190	...	90	200	...	...	...
115	Gravesend	228	80	276	33	617	...	617	400	205 0 0	5 10 0	5 0 0
116	Guernsey	16	63	62	7	148	...	148	200	118 6 6	1 0 0	...
117	Highfields Withyham	...	...	130	...	130	...	130	123	...	1 0 0	...
118	Holybourne	...	110	37	...	147	...	147	155	93 0 0	2 0 0	...
119	Ipswich	91	59	194	36	380	16	396	230	200 0 0	2 15 0	...
120	Jersey	180	50	148	40	418	20	438	350	52 10 0	5 5 0	2 10 0
121	Lewes	30	32	115	13	190	27	217	*200	155 0 0	2 0 0	...
122	London—Belgrave	478	32	614	319	1443	900	2343	600	275 0 0	8 0 0	75 0 0
123	" —Bermondsey	62	30	163	...	255	129	384	200	153 9 0	1 0 0	...
124	" —Blackheath	59	...	172	11	242	1185	1427	Vacant.	...	...	...
125	" —Bow Road	41	20	220	...	281	...	281	200	200 0 0	1 10 0	...
126	" —Brockley	174	120	327	32	653	2387	3040	500	205 0 0	4 0 0	5 0 0
127	" —Camberwell	365	76	343	36	826	...	820	500	220 0 0	8 10 0	20 0 0
128	" —Camden Road	234	182	297	99	812	...	812	500	200 0 0	11 0 0	...
	Carried forward	3693	1643	5213	1158	11707	5727	17434	7763	3679 12 5	97 2 0	286 17 1

(a) Weekly Offerings.

(b) Advanced payment belongs to next year.

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SYNODICAL FINANCES.

GRAND TOTAL

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† For portion of year only.

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No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.										Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aiding.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.					Total.								
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.	Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Total.						
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s.		
	Brought forward ...	3693	1643	5213	1158	11707	5727	17434	7763	3679 12 5	97 2 0	286 17	5		
129	London—Canonbury ...	152	64	262	3	481	...	481	*300	205 0 0	3 10 0	5	0		
130	—Clapham Road ...	985	...	558	1172	2715	684	3399	1000	600 6 0	30 0 0	400	6		
131	—Clapton ...	219	70	237	76	602	65	667	400	205 0 0	6 10 0	5	0		
132	—Crouch Hill ...	...	...	575	44	619	1491	2110	400	29 5 10	6 10 0	29	7
133	—Ealing ...	84	81	143	75	383	...	383	240	210 0 0	3 3 0	10	0		
134	—East India Road ...	87	32	157	14	290	500	790	200	180 0 0	3 3 0	...			
135	—Forest Hill ...	306	150	50	153	659	...	659	*510	288 0 6	10 10 0	88	0		
136	—Greenwich ...	308	5	450	205	968	...	968	520	235 1 4	10 10 0	35	1		
137	—Hammersmith ...	329	24	261	56	670	653	1323	350	210 0 0	7 0 0	10	0		
138	—Hampstead ...	275	52	587	159	1073	...	1073	*550	453 15 0	12 0 0	253	15		
139	—Highbury ...	595	...	532	655	1782	...	1782	850	126 3 9	20 0 0	126	3		
140	—Islington ...	695	50	312	310	1367	197	1564	800	315 0 0	14 0 0	115	0		
141	—Kensington ...	246	156	203	22	627	684	1311	500	205 0 0	6 0 0	5	0		
142	—Kentish Town ...	28	14	47	16	105	253	358	200	...	1 10 0	...			
143	—Kingstn-on-Thms ...	89	53	108	14	264	340	604	205	200 0 0	2 10 0	...			
144	—Marylebone ...	1055	200	649	585	2489	1128	3617	*1050	603 0 0	30 0 0	403	0		
145	—Millwall ...	36	24	92	3	155	...	155	200	110 0 0	2 2 0	...			
146	—New Barnet ...	95	...	255	42	392	...	392	257	210 0 0	3 3 0	10	0		
147	—Notting Hill ...	561	200	278	361	1400	122	1522	800	292 16 8	12 0 0	92	16		
148	—Oxendon ...	102	80	195	50	427	58	485	292	167 0 0	3 3 0	...			
149	—Putney ...	150	...	351	8	509	284	793	250	5 0 0	4 4 0	5	0		
150	—Regent Square...	917	200	740	661	2518	2937	5455	1200	925 0 3	30 0 0	725	0		
151	—Richmond ...	123	89	201	9	422	...	422	300	200 0 0	3 10 0	...			
152	—St. John's Wood ...	961	...	926	608	2495	40	2535	1200	494 7 6	22 0 0	494	7		
153	—Somers Town ...	97	...	406	58	561	3238	3799	250	...	3 0 0	...			
154	—South Kensington ...	275	200	499	245	1219	18	1237	600	230 0 0	12 0 0	30	0		
155	—Southwark ...	72	35	104	...	211	9	220	155	115 0 0	1 10 0	...			
156	—Stepney...	151	51	200	66	468	163	631	400	240 0 0	6 0 0	40	0		
157	—Stoke Newington ...	53	...	228	...	281	...	281	Vacant	...	2 0 0	...			
158	—Stratford ...	161	...	241	6	408	190	598	300	...	4 10 0	...			
159	—Streatham ...	128	157	204	36	525	271	796	350	200 0 0	3 0 0	...			
160	—Tooting ...	67	5	46	26	144	41	185	*110	90 0 0	1 0 0	...			
161	—Tottenham ...	193	152	179	152	676	140	816	342	225 0 0	5 0 0	25	0		
162	—Upper Norwood ...	335	180	260	121	896	700	1596	500	230 0 0	7 7 0	30	0		
163	—Victoria Docks...	48	176	63	11	298	...	298	205	206 0 0	3 0 0	6	0		
164	—Wandsworth ...	188	98	182	54	522	83	605	400	225 0 0	6 0 0	25	0		
165	—Westbourne Grove	210	...	566	279	1055	...	1055	550	40 0 0	10 10 0	40	0		
166	—Whitfield ...	21	45	149	4	219	...	219	200	45 0 0	2 0 0	...			
167	—Willesden ...	313	200	180	158	851	...	851	500	230 0 0	6 0 0	30	0		
168	—Wood Green ...	214	116	167	66	563	620	1183	300	200 0 0	3 0 0	...			
169	—Woolwich, New Rd	243	71	209	44	567	53	620	430	215 0 0	8 5 0	15	0		
170	—St. Andrew's ...	144	49	168	16	377	...	377	300	170 0 0	4 0 0	...			
171	Norwich ...	162	68	130	38	398	...	398	*350	205 0 0	4 0 0	5	0		
172	Portsmouth ...	239	...	82	6	327	65	392	163	...	4 0 0	...			
173	Rangoon ...	...	...	1321	...	1321	...	1321	500	...	...	...
174	Reading ...	109	...	398	45	552	175	727	270	...	3 0 0	...			
175	St. Leonard's-on-Sea ...	...	...	158	...	158	...	158	300	...	...	...
176	Silverhill, Hastings ...	28	67	60	22	177	60	237	200	150 0 0	1 15 0	...			
177	Singapore ...	218	...	520	185	923	...	923	*675	...	...	...
178	Southampton—St. Andrew's ...	276	42	154	256	728	...	728	310	225 0 0	8 10 0	25	0		
179	—Totton ...	26	55	37	7	125	...	125	155	110 0 0	1 10 0	...			
180	—Woolston ...	131	34	157	19	341	150	491	200	200 0 0	3 10 0	...			
181	Wallington...	113	45	73	76	307	152	459	200	200 0 0	2 0 0	...			
	Two Preaching Stations ...	26	...	149	...	175	1000	1175	...	...	...	...
	Miscellaneous...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		16332	5033	20672	8455	50492	22291	72783	29552	13900 9	3 460 7	0 3370 13			

SYNODICAL FINANCES.																				GRAND TOTAL.								No.					
Unassigned Fund.		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Jewish Mission.		Continental Missions.		College.		Schools.		TOTAL.				1882.		1881.													
														TOTAL.																			
s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
0	0	0	52	2	10	498	9	3	76	11	1	25	15	5	66	3	3	9	17	0	1115	15	11	837	0	0	18549	15	11	16318	0	0	129
...	2	5	0	20	1	0	2	5	0	1	10	0	2	10	0	...	...	...	33	11	0	21	8	8	514	11	0	646	8	8	130
...	14	15	0	117	7	1	20	10	0	13	0	0	12	0	0	10	0	0	587	18	1	643	1	11	3986	18	1	3076	1	11	131
...	44	5	6	4	7	0	...	...	...	3	2	0	...	...	...	56	14	6	53	5	9	723	14	6	723	5	9	132
0	0	0	27	12	2	32	12	3	12	0	0	13	6	1	12	1	10	...	...	...	226	18	2	109	7	3	2336	18	2	908	7	3	133
...	2	5	1	4	16	6	2	8	0	2	16	10	1	9	9	...	...	...	23	16	2	29	10	9	406	16	2	394	10	9	134
...	9	11	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	11	9	14	0	0	799	11	9	307	0	0	135
...	12	10	0	45	0	0	14	0	0	8	0	0	14	0	0	...	...	...	181	10	6	173	9	10	840	10	6	1154	9	10	136
...	6	6	4	28	3	9	19	8	3	...	...	...	6	6	0	...	...	...	95	5	8	96	12	10	1063	5	8	1195	12	10	137
...	12	9	6	1	0	0	...	...	...	3	0	0	...	...	...	26	9	6	20	12	11	1349	9	6	750	12	11	138
2	16	4	55	18	8	376	13	2	17	12	10	17	8	3	38	15	10	10	8	0	1273	8	1	712	3	9	2346	8	1	1559	3	9	139
...	10	0	0	209	16	6	23	12	0	5	5	0	22	10	0	...	...	...	397	7	3	496	9	6	2179	7	3	2587	9	6	140
...	19	10	0	49	9	3	15	0	0	11	14	9	22	0	0	...	...	...	232	14	0	266	9	7	1796	14	0	2618	9	7	141
...	13	12	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	12	7	28	11	3	1329	12	7	889	11	3	142
...	5	8	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	8	9	0	8	6	363	8	9	473	8	9	143
...	1	7	0	3	14	6	0	15	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	...	...	...	7	17	6	1	4	0	611	17	6	395	4	0	144
...	69	3	3	599	17	4	45	1	10	13	14	0	24	9	3	7	0	2	1162	5	10	815	10	0	4779	5	10	4367	10	0	145
...	3	0	0	1	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	0	...	...	...	159	1	0	165	0	...	146
...	4	0	0	25	3	0	3	7	6	2	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	50	10	6	45	0	10	442	10	6	664	0	10	147
2	0	0	34	12	9	70	4	11	69	10	11	7	16	2	19	1	3	...	...	...	296	2	8	276	14	3	1818	2	8	1806	14	3	148
...	2	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	...	...	...	487	0	0	550	0	...	149
...	10	0	0	79	19	11	8	8	0	6	17	0	...	...	...	2	0	0	112	4	11	36	11	0	905	4	11	598	11	0	150
...	134	18	6	400	17	6	61	1	6	45	2	0	160	0	0	40	6	6	1567	6	3	1678	3	11	7022	6	3	9196	3	11	151
...	2	15	0	23	18	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	13	0	9	12	6	448	13	0	809	12	6	152
...	167	8	11	327	3	10	25	8	1	30	13	9	18	18	2	5	0	0	1069	0	3	1055	4	11	3604	0	3	3796	4	11	153
...	7	15	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	15	0	7	15	0	3806	15	0	548	15	0	154
...	13	0	0	19	0	0	10	0	0	...	...	...	10	0	0	...	...	...	82	0	0	78	0	0	1319	0	0	2516	0	...	155
...	1	10	0	3	10	0	1	10	0	1	10	0	1	10	0	...	...	...	9	10	0	11	6	4	229	10	0	243	6	4	156
...	2	0	0	39	0	6	2	12	8	1	18	1	1	14	2	1	0	3	88	5	8	70	7	8	719	5	8	732	7	8	157
...	1	12	6	0	13	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	0	1	2	6	283	6	0	310	2	6	158
...	1	5	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	11	0	1	5	0	9	1	4	8	14	4	607	1	4	519	14	4	159
...	10	10	0	25	9	9	4	10	0	...	...	...	10	19	4	...	...	...	51	9	1	33	8	4	847	9	1	1343	8	4	160
...	1	9	0	3	14	4	1	6	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	10	1	...	...	...	191	10	1	123	0	...	161
...	4	12	9	31	9	11	10	3	10	9	4	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	11	3	79	5	11	896	11	3	1070	5	11	162
...	8	0	0	36	15	3	13	1	3	7	6	8	8	10	0	3	13	4	107	6	6	55	18	6	1703	6	6	1254	18	6	163
...	1	11	6	8	3	11	2	1	3	...	...	...	1	17	10	...	...	...	19	14	6	14	5	6	317	14	6	338	5	6	164
...	4	10	5	103	11	9	9	11	5	5	0	3	3	6	0	1	14	4	152	14	2	58	1	1	757	14	2	753	1	1	165
...	12	17	0	45	0	0	7	0	0	7	10	0	18	0	0	...	...	...	130	7	0	132	17	5	1185	7	0	1329	17	5	166
...	12	0	0	...	...	...	0	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	10	0	8	0	0	231	10	0	282	0	...	167
...	5	7	3	26	2	1	1	15	9	1	0	0	9	0	0	...	...	...	73	5	1	67	7	4	924	5	1	788	7	4	168
...	4	9	6	5	4	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	18	5	...	...	...	13	11	11	22	9	10	1196	11	11	1588	9	10	169
...	15	13	10	4	0	0	...	...	...	2	0	0	...	...	...	36	13	10	48	5	10	656	13	10	1241	5	10	170
...	7	10	0	9	9	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	19	3	...	...	...	393	19	3	338	0	...	171
...	7	0	0	5	12	0	...	...	...	2	10	0	2	10	0	...	...	...	22	12	0	24	4	7	420	12	0	531	4	7	171
...	5	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	0	5	5	0	397	2	0	5	5	0	172
...	1321	0	0	882	0	...	173	
...	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	0	...	...	...	730	3	0	502	0	...	174
...	2	5	0	2	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	10	0	...	...	...	162	10	0	...	...	...	175
...	2	19	10	9	10	10	12	10	8	13	10	0	249	10	8	222	10	...	176
...	202	4	7	202	4	7	1125	4	7	855	0	...	177
...	5	15	0	64																											

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No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.										Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation, Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Ad- giving.
		Income for Congre- gational Purposes.			Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.							
		Seat Rents.	Subs. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.											
182	MANCHESTER.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
183	Blackburn—Mount Street	49	13	150	...	212	...	212	200	120 0 0	2 1 0	...	...
184	" —St. George's...	487	...	252	143	882	673	1555	500	15 18 4	10 1 6	15 18 4	...		
185	Bolton	187	25	147	109	468	25	493	300	160 0 0	7 14 0	10 0 0	...		
186	Bradford	198	131	160	79	568	850	1413	400	210 0 0	6 1 6	10 0 0	...		
187	Crewe	50	48	107	19	224	...	224	200	118 9 0	1 7 6	...	...
188	Leeds—Cavendish Road	177	...	234	21	432	250	682	250	...	4 14 0	...	...
189	" —St Columba ...	64	19	95	...	178	...	178	155	120 0 0	2 7 6	...	...
190	Manchester—Ancoats ...	Free	112	246	42	400	197	597	213	112 10 0	3 8 0	...	...
191	" —Bowdon	Free	...	498	25	523	109	632	350	19 4 11	4 18 6	19 4 11	...		
192	" —Brunswick St.	306	...	418	134	858	37	895	500	27 11 0	9 2 6	27 11 0	...		
193	" —Coupland St. ...	...	...	763	379	1142	...	1142	450	25 13 4	10 2 0	25 13 4	...
194	" —Eccles	63	16	113	9	201	14	215	200	...	1 8 0	...	...
195	" —Grosvenor Sq.	399	...	803	79	1281	447	1728	500	310 19 0	9 15 0	11019 0	...		
196	" —Hghr Brightn	160	...	390	18	568	30	598	500	12 18 7	4 14 0	12 18 7	...		
197	" —Longsight	221	82	157	7	467	170	637	400	210 0 0	5 11 6	10 0 0	...		
198	" —Pendleton	102	...	231	26	359	...	359	300	...	4 16 0	...	...
199	" —St. Andrews	269	32	259	156	716	747	1463	420	230 0 0	8 3 6	30 0 0	...		
200	" —Sale	186	164	245	51	646	1481	2127	*450	210 0 0	5 18 6	10 0 0	...		
201	" —Salford	106	...	283	92	481	15	496	350	...	4 18 6	...	...
202	" —Trinity	365	12	279	231	887	...	887	*500	240 0 0	9 11 6	40 0 0	...		
203	" —Whalley Range	136	...	202	1	339	79	418	a329	...	3 8 6	...	...
204	" —Withington	458	...	359	347	1164	191	1355	500	86 4 1	10 1 0	86 4 1	...		
205	Preston	77	...	266	35	378	960	1338	250	...	3 4 6	...	...
206	Ramsbottom	122	29	128	...	279	33	312	*225	150 0 0	4 10 6	...	...
207	Risley	1	...	35	8	44	...	44	Vacant	...	0 10 0	...	...
208	Rochdale ... ..	...	...	376	71	447	...	447	250	...	4 8 0	...	...
209	Sheffield	179	80	152	97	508	...	508	300	205 0 0	5 4 6	5 0 0	...		
210	Warrington	58	24	91	17	190	...	190	200	105 0 0	1 19 6	...	...
211	Wharton	52	15	79	24	170	7	177	*200	113 0 0	1 15 6	...	...
212	Wigan	83	38	120	12	253	1400	1653	200	105 0 0	2 11 6	...	...
	One Preaching Station	...	...	117	5	122	...	122	...	...	...	...	...
		4555	840	7755	2237	15387	7715	23102	9592	2906 19 3	154 7 6	413 9 3	...		
NEWCASTLE.															
212	Bellingham	59	14	93	5	171	636	807	*200	158 6 0	3 0 0	...	...
213	Blackhill	57	...	229	...	286	...	286	*200	18 0 0	3 10 0	18 0 0	...		
214	Blyth—Bridge Street	37	10	118	...	165	10	175	200	130 0 0	2 0 0	...	...
215	" —Waterloo Road	85	...	307	17	409	523	932	*205	3 3 0	4 2 6	3 3 0	...		
216	Durham	77	39	134	...	250	40	290	200	200 0 0	2 15 0	...	...
217	Falstone	94	15	63	...	172	4	176	*200	150 0 0	3 0 0	...	...
218	Gateshead—Durham Road	156	...	228	30	414	161	575	300	3 11 0	6 10 0	3 11 0	...		
219	" —Ellison Street	98	41	192	7	338	...	338	250	200 0 0	4 7 6	...	...
220	Gosforth	60	...	223	...	283	228	511	210	5 13 6	2 12 6	5 13 6	...		
221	Hebburn	78	46	142	12	278	...	278	*200	163 0 0	3 10 0	...	...
222	Hexham ... ..	...	...	284	39	323	4	327	*200	204 0 0	4 0 0	4 0 0	...
223	Houghton-le-Spring	60	35	98	...	193	...	193	*200	137 10 0	2 12 6	...	...
224	Jarrow—Ellison Street	181	...	334	97	612	45	1157	300	...	8 10 0	...	...
225	" —St. Kilda's	10	16	89	...	115	7	122	155	102 0 0	1 17 6	...	...
226	Killingworth	16	10	28	...	54	...	54	155	69 17 6	1 2 6		
	Carried forward	1068	226	2562	207	4063	2158	6221	3175	1545 1 0	53 10 0	34 7 6	...		

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(a) For thirteen months.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.														GRAND TOTAL.				No.
Thanksgiving Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Schools.	TOTAL.		1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.						
							1882.	1881.										
s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.						
...						
...	10 0 0	17 3 6	5 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	...	...	68 1 10	98 10 4	1623 1 10	1144 10 4	182				
...	...	20 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	20 10 0	5 0 0	513 10 0	472 0 0	183	
...	9 10 6	9 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	29 0 0	36 7 0	1447 0 0	594 7 0	185	
...	1 10 0	11 15 3	0 12 4	...	...	...	...	13 17 7	2 3 9	237 17 7	129 3 9	186		
0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	9 0 0	13 16 0	691 0 0	526 16 0	187	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	178 0 0	222 0 0	188
...	...	27 15 5	...	...	...	...	...	27 15 5	26 4 2	624 15 5	575 4 2	189	
...	9 18 2	41 16 8	4 9 6	7 0 0	9 5 6	...	...	91 14 9	82 14 6	723 14 9	628 14 6	190				
...	4 7 10	51 11 8	...	...	...	...	...	83 10 6	44 3 8	978 10 6	1164 3 8	191	
...	5 0 0	95 0 0	2 10 0	2 10 0	...	...	...	130 13 4	81 10 10	1272 13 4	1532 10 10	192			
...	1 5 3	5 8 0	...	...	...	...	...	6 13 3	5 18 4	221 13 3	186 18 4	193	
...	20 10 5	138 3 2	...	23 8 8	...	...	...	293 1 3	252 16 2	2021 1 3	1379 16 2	194			
...	...	52 19 3	...	20 10 0	...	...	...	86 7 10	57 17 10	684 7 10	720 17 10	195			
...	...	2 15 0	...	...	...	...	...	12 15 0	44 16 4	649 15 0	539 16 4	196	
...	2 0 0	17 6 6	...	...	...	...	...	19 6 6	25 3 2	378 6 6	568 3 2	197	
...	8 0 0	69 4 10	...	...	8 0 0	3 0 10	...	118 4 10	74 12 5	1581 4 10	925 12 5	198				
...	...	42 18 1	7 1 8	4 10 5	12 16 6	...	...	77 6 8	37 18 10	2204 6 8	829 18 10	199				
...	1 0 0	22 8 3	0 2 3	0 2 2	0 5 6	...	...	23 18 2	23 15 4	519 18 2	433 15 4	200				
...	22 0 0	71 5 10	5 0 0	5 0 0	5 17 0	...	...	149 2 10	155 0 10	1036 2 10	1107 0 10	201				
...	1 13 3	12 3 1	...	...	...	...	...	13 16 4	8 0 0	431 16 4	650 0 0	202	
...	45 14 0	256 10 3	...	...	...	...	...	388 8 4	322 4 8	1743 8 4	1463 4 8	203	
...	1 10 0	1 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	3 0 0	1 10 0	1341 0 0	295 10 0	204	
...	1 0 0	8 0 0	...	...	1 0 0	...	...	10 0 0	2 0 0	322 0 0	306 0 0	205		
...	1 9 0	1 0 6	...	...	...	1 5 0	...	3 14 6	2 13 10	47 14 6	34 13 10	206			
...	3 0 0	4 14 6	...	...	1 19 5	...	...	9 13 11	3 1 0	456 13 11	753 1 0	207		
...	...	6 17 9	...	...	...	...	...	11 17 9	35 8 8	519 17 9	577 8 8	208	
...	1 0 0	4 6 0	...	...	...	...	...	5 6 0	4 10 0	195 6 0	184 10 0	209	
...	1 0 0	13 7 9	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	17 7 9	13 4 6	194 7 9	321 4 6	210						
...	0 15 0	2 0 0	0 13 4	...	0 11 8	...	...	4 0 0	...	1657 0 0	305 0 0	211				
...	1 5 0	1 3 4	...	...	...	0 12 9	...	3 1 1	1 3 0	125 1 1	112 3 0	...			
1 0 0	156 7 11	1014 4 7	26 9 1	44 12 7	69 4 3	5 17 9	1731 5 5	1462 5 2	24833 5 5	18851 5 2	...	...				
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	807 0 0	187 0 0	212
...	8 0 0	19 0 0	...	...	...	...	45 0 0	30 3 11	331 0 0	306 3 11	...	213		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	175 0 0	165 0 0	...	214
...	...	12 13 2	1 17 10	...	...	...	17 14 0	10 8 9	949 14 0	613 8 9	...	215			
...	...	2 10 0	...	...	1 0 0	...	3 10 0	2 5 6	293 10 0	328 5 6	...	216				
...	1 5 0	...	...	...	1 7 3	1 13 0	4 5 3	14 10 10	180 5 3	185 10 10	...	217			
...	...	9 1 6	...	...	...	...	12 12 6	5 0 0	587 12 6	2078 0 0	...	218		
...	2 0 0	6 17 2	...	...	1 0 0	...	9 17 2	7 0 0	347 17 2	460 0 0	...	219				
...	4 11 6	4 19 3	...	...	...	...	15 4 3	17 15 4	526 4 3	396 15 4	...	220		
...	...	4 5 7	...	...	...	...	4 5 7	3 7 8	282 5 7	216 7 8	...	221		
...	6 13 0	14 3 10	...	...	3 3 0	...	27 19 10	23 15 4	354 19 10	316 15 4	...	222				
...	2 0 0	6 15 6	1 0 0	0 12 1	1 10 0	...	11 17 7	13 12 0	204 17 7	224 12 0	...	223						
...	14 12 1	15 18 7	...	...	2 0 0	...	32 10 8	12 0 0	1189 10 8	896 0 0	...	224				
...	...	2 10 0	...	...	...	...	2 10 0	...	124 10 0	212 0 0	...	225		
...	...	1 5 1	...	...	...	...	1 5 1	...	55 5 1	86 0 0	...	226		
...	39 1 7	99 19 8	2 17 10	0 12 1	10 0 3	1 13 0	188 11 11	139 19 4	6409 11 11	6671 19 4	...	...				

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.													
No	CONGREGATIONS.	Income for Congregational Purposes.				Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Alleviating.	
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.	Poor and extra Congregational Missions.								
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Brought forward ...	1068	226	2562	207	4063	2158	6221	3175	1545 1 0	53 10 0	34 7 0	
227	Newcastle—Barras Bridge	230	...	723	157	1110	...	1110	660	52 8 3	9 10 0	52 8 3	
228	" —Blackett Street	318	...	400	231	949	200	1149	460	51 6 7	12 0 0	51 6 7	
229	" —Erschine Church	61	...	209	5	275	10	285	200	...	3 5 0	...	
230	" —Heaton	64	24	84	...	172	24	196	200	110 4 10	1 15 0	...	
231	" —John Knox	208	...	307	159	674	71	745	400	240 4 7	10 0 0	40 4 7	
232	" —St. George's	124	...	280	73	477	...	477	300	5 9 0	6 7 6	5 9 0	
233	" —Trinity	497	2	608	202	1309	613	1922	800	272 15 9	14 0 0	72 15 9	
234	" —Westmoreland Rd	273	...	381	122	776	206	982	400	52 6 3	9 0 0	52 6 3	
235	North Shields—Howard St	185	36	263	54	538	105	643	390	210 0 0	7 5 0	10 0 0	
236	" —Northumberland Sq	183	...	320	150	653	...	653	350	40 0 0	7 5 0	40 0 0	
237	Seaham	...	...	163	...	163	...	163	175	...	1 0 0	...
238	Seaton Burn	28	6	62	...	96	...	96	155	80 0 0	1 10 0	...	
239	Seaton Delaval	57	30	55	...	142	47	189	*200	122 1 7	2 0 0	...	
240	South Shields—Laygate	Free	...	511	82	593	78	671	*400	27 1 0	7 0 0	27 1 0	
241	" —Mile End Rd	100	...	256	89	445	143	588	250	...	4 15 0	...	
242	" —St. John's	139	...	256	44	439	430	869	300	...	6 0 0	...	
243	" —St. Paul's	102	...	245	27	374	426	800	200	1 0 0	4 17 6	1 0 0	
244	Stamfordham	35	16	46	...	97	...	97	*200	88 10 0	1 7 6	...	
245	Sunderland—Nth Bdge St	84	53	275	22	434	...	434	*350	205 4 11	4 5 0	5 4 11	
246	" —St. George's	237	12	458	173	880	...	880	500	250 0 0	9 0 0	50 0 0	
247	" —St. Stephen's	55	39	157	5	256	372	628	200	135 0 0	2 10 0	...	
248	" —Smyrna	83	...	325	14	422	5	427	*250	200 0 0	3 15 0	...	
249	" —Trinity	183	...	398	152	733	30	763	412	26 6 11	7 15 0	26 6 11	
250	Swalwell	21	10	107	3	141	99	240	*200	110 0 0	1 10 0	...	
251	Walker	83	...	173	61	317	7	324	*202	211 8 8	3 15 0	11 8 8	
252	Wallsend	66	...	205	16	287	...	287	*200	...	3 5 0	...	
253	Wark	33	9	48	...	90	...	90	*155	80 0 0	1 7 6	...	
254	Willington Quay	47	22	136	6	211	74	285	200	135 0 0	2 10 0	...	
	NORTHUMBERLAND.	4564	485	10013	2054	17116	5098	22214	11884	4251 9 4	202 0 0	479 19 5	
255	Alnwick—Clayport Street	94	...	170	56	320	...	320	*200	...	4 7 0	...	
256	" —Lisburn Street	70	15	92	1	178	9	187	*200	134 16 5	2 7 0	...	
257	" —St. James's	135	24	108	18	285	202	487	*200	200 0 0	4 3 0	...	
258	Bavington	66	24	27	...	117	10	127	*200	105 10 0	1 12 0	...	
259	Bedlington	47	7	62	13	129	...	129	*200	107 0 0	2 19 0	...	
260	Birdhopecraig	63	38	36	4	141	...	141	*200	124 10 0	1 18 0	...	
261	Branton	91	10	30	9	140	...	140	*200	160 0 0	3 1 0	...	
262	Embleton	74	9	55	...	138	250	388	*200	130 0 0	2 16 0	...	
263	Felton	61	10	51	3	125	10	135	*200	110 0 0	1 14 0	...	
264	Glanton	108	20	64	3	195	...	195	*200	165 0 0	3 5 0	...	
265	Harbottle	90	15	43	2	150	...	150	*200	123 13 3	2 14 0	...	
266	Longframlington	23	25	15	...	63	...	63	*155	61 0 0	0 19 0	...	
267	Morpeth	165	...	283	19	467	...	467	*210	215 0 0	5 2 0	15 0 0	
268	Newbiggin	28	15	73	...	116	...	116	200	105 0 0	1 9 0	...	
269	North Middleton	45	23	36	1	105	2	107	*200	100 0 0	1 9 0	...	
270	North Sunderland—East Ch	37	10	13	...	60	5	65	*155	60 0 0	1 4 0	...	
271	" —West Church	69	5	72	14	160	...	160	*200	145 0 0	2 16 0	...	
272	Otterburn	67	42	73	2	184	...	184	*200	148 15 0	2 7 0	...	
273	Thropton	70	23	22	...	115	...	115	*200	112 14 0	2 1 0	...	
274	Warenford	81	13	43	2	139	...	139	*200	115 0 0	2 13 0	...	
275	Warkworth	75	6	55	...	136	31	167	*200	125 0 0	2 12 0	...	
276	Widdrington	62	25	34	...	121	...	121	*200	109 5 0	2 5 0	...	
277	Wooler—Cheviot Street	128	...	129	3	260	...	260	a324	200 0 0	4 11 0	...	
278	" —Tower Hill	50	3	60	...	113	193	306	*150	100 0 0	2 1 0	...	
279	" —West Chapel	101	34	40	...	175	...	175	*200	152 0 0	2 16 0	...	
		1900	396	1686	150	4132	712	4844	4994	3109 3 8	65 1 0	15 0 0	

GRAND TOTAL.

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SUMMARY—

No.	PRESBYTERIES, &c.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-Giving.	Thanksgiving Fund.					
		Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.										
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.														
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1	Berwick ...	1563	192	1380	611	3746	133	3879	3335	1587	2	6	59	3	7	86	2	5
2	Birmingham ...	1152	644	2504	328	4628	602	5230	3465	2034	18	8	47	0	0	17	5	0
3	Bristol ...	1166	422	2208	755	4551	171	4722	2850	1475	0	0	39	0	0	150	0	0
4	Carlisle ...	885	277	1834	255	3251	1888	5139	2740	1833	19	1	33	4	11	85	18	9
5	Darlington ...	860	876	3444	420	5600	6936	12536	3905	2674	17	7	63	3	0	30	17	2
6	Liverpool ...	8281	2165	8116	5926	24488	7326	31814	13049	6263	18	8	228	0	0	1353	6	2
7	London ...	16332	5033	20672	8455	50492	22291	72783	29552	13900	9	3	460	7	0	3370	13	11
8	Manchester ...	4555	840	7755	2237	15387	7715	23102	9592	2906	19	3	154	7	6	413	9	3
9	Newcastle ...	4564	485	10013	2054	17116	5098	22214	11884	4251	9	4	202	0	0	479	19	5
10	Northumberland	1900	396	1686	150	4132	712	4844	4994	3109	3	8	65	1	0	15	0	0
11	Donations, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	862	8	2	13	4	0	862	8	2
12	Scholarships ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Church Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Aged and Infirm Ministers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	Widows and Orphans ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Women's Missionary Association	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	Free Church of Scotland ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		41258	11330	59612	21191	133391	52872	186263	85366	40900	6	2	1364	11	0	6865	0	3

II. FINANCIAL.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.												No.
Home Missions.	Foreign Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Schools.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.				
						1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
30 15 5	175 10 10	8 15 2	15 12 0	19 16 2	10 19 1	347 11 1	283 5 4	4226 11 1	4149 5 4	1		
24 18 1	182 13 4	17 1 9	6 2 2	5 18 0	...	253 18 4	190 18 9	5483 18 4	8794 18 9	2		
49 10 2	288 2 6	12 6 0	15 13 7	29 2 5	...	544 14 8	517 17 4	5266 14 8	5203 17 4	3		
28 13 0	118 2 0	15 5 0	5 0 0	14 18 1	4 5 0	272 1 10	255 10 8	5411 1 10	4903 10 8	4		
43 6 8	414 16 0	23 0 5	1 16 0	27 3 1	1 10 0	3552 9 4	520 2 3	16088 9 4	9986 2 3	5		
530 17 1	1950 13 7	177 12 8	186 14 5	315 7 11	20 5 1	4823 16 11	4186 14 10	36637 16 11	33470 14 10	6		
735 13 0	3686 17 6	498 18 11	249 10 5	514 8 3	93 4 7	9852 2 11	8209 16 6	82635 2 11	78197 16 6	7		
156 7 11	1014 4 7	26 9 1	44 12 7	69 4 3	5 17 9	1731 5 5	1462 5 2	24833 5 5	18851 5 2	8		
154 15 2	516 7 0	47 18 8	61 14 7	83 3 11	14 2 0	1462 0 9	1669 14 4	23676 0 9	23629 14 4	9		
22 11 11	129 8 4	19 3 1	18 14 11	24 7 2	7 4 9	236 10 2	195 17 10	5080 10 2	4708 17 11	10		
34 19 4	5770 19 2	54 4 6	7 15 0	11762 6 2	1 1 0	18503 13 4	11667 16 10	18503 13 4	11667 16 10	11		
...	...	...	...	408 4 5	...	408 4 5	362 8 8	408 4 5	362 8 8	12
...	...	...	...	...	...	210 8 6	379 15 8	210 8 6	379 15 8	13
...	...	...	...	...	...	301 3 11	303 0 8	301 3 11	303 0 8	14
...	...	...	...	...	...	3967 12 8	2605 3 9	3967 12 8	2605 3 9	15
...	2414 13 0	...	...	...	...	2414 13 0	1233 11 5	2414 13 0	1233 11 5	16
150 1 2	...	...	...	...	...	150 1 2	178 9 2	150 1 2	178 9 2	17
1965 8 11	16662 7 10	900 15 3	613 5 8	13273 19 10	158 9 3	49032 8 5	34222 9 3	235295 8 5	208626 9 2	2		

ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH.

THE SUSTENTATION FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

Dr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1882.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To payments to Ministers direct ...	38,901	2	2			
" " through Widows						
" and Orphans' Fund ...	848	15	0			
Rev. J. M. Ross ...				39,749	17	2
" Proportion of Office Charges...				200	0	0
" " Travelling Expenses ...				402	19	6
" " Synod Printing ...				39	15	5
" " College Rent ...				42	8	5
" Expenses of Deputies <i>re</i> Triennial Arrangements ...				8	10	0
" Stationery and Printing ...				33	0	7
" Cheque Book and Bank Commission ...				17	3	9
				4	3	10
Balance carried to Reserve Fund ...	40,497	18	8			
	402	7	6			
	£40,900	6	2			
				40,900	6	2

THE RESERVE FUND (SUSTENTATION FUND) in account with the TREASURERSHIP

Dr.

COMMITTEE.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand ...	1,660	6	6			
	£1,660	6	6			
By Amount received from Muter Trustees on account of Accumulated Interest ...				1,257	19	0
" Balance from General Account, as above ...				402	7	6
				£1,660	6	6
" Balance brought down, ...				1,660	6	6

I Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.
February 12, 1883.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

E. & O. E.
January 1, 1883.

THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND

In account with the

TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1882.

Cr.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	...	...	...	162	10	0
" Allowances from Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Investments made during year	£103	5	0	...	...	...
Less amount realised	...	48	0	...	...	...
" Proportion of Office Charges	...	...	...	55	5	0
" " Travelling Expenses	...	...	...	11	10	2
" " Synod Printing	...	...	...	3	19	7
" " College Rent	...	...	...	3	8	1
" Printing	...	...	...	1	0	0
" Expenses of Transferring Stock to New Trustees	...	...	...	0	6	0
" " " " " "	...	...	...	1	7	6
" Balance in bank	...	...	...	242	11	6
	...	...	...	58	12	5
	£301	3	11			
By Interest on Investments	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Income Tax returned	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Congregational Contributions	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Donations	...	...	...	...	...	...
	£272	4	5			
	14	14	6			
	9	5	0			
	5	0	0			
	£301	3	11			
" Balance brought down	...	...	...	58	12	5

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance	...	...	...	6,185	13	7
By Sundry Investments at Cost Price at December 31, 1881	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Amount invested during 1882, less amount realised as above	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Cash in Bank as above	...	...	...	6,127	1	2
	...	...	...	58	12	5
	£6,185	13	7			

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. McLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 12, 1883.

E. & O. E.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

INVESTMENTS at DECEMBER 31, 1882.

£	s.	d.	
1,500	0	0	Great Eastern Railway.
360	0	0	4% Preference Stock.
...	...	...	5% Debenture Stock.
...	...	...	Birkenhead Railway.
1,000	0	0	4½% Preference Stock.
...	...	...	Great Western Railway.
143	0	0	5% Guaranteed Stock.
...	...	...	North British Railway.
300	0	0	5% Preference Stock, 1874.
...	...	...	Metropolitan Railway.
150	0	0	4% Debenture Stock.
...	...	...	Caledonian Railway.
100	0	0	4% Consolidated Guaranteed Stock.
...	...	...	East India Railway.
49	12	6	Annuities Class B.
...	...	...	Illinois Central Railroad.
200	0	0	6% Sterling Bonds.
...	...	...	New Zealand.
100	0	0	5% Government Bonds.
...	...	...	India.
104	19	0	4% Stock.
...	...	...	United States.
...	...	...	4½% Funded Loan, 1891.
...	...	...	London and North-Western Railway.
132	0	0	4% Guaranteed Stock.
...	...	...	New Zealand.
253	16	2	4% Consolidated Stock.
...	...	...	Cape of Good Hope.
100	0	0	4½% Government Bonds.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

INVESTMENTS at DECEMBER 31, 1882.

£	s.	d.	
806	0	0	London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.
...	...	...	Consolidated Preference 5% Stock.
112	0	0	5% Consolidated Guaranteed Stock.
...	...	...	North British Railway.
550	0	0	6% Monkland Preference Stock.
...	...	...	Great Western Railway.
1,610	0	0	5% Consolidated Preference Stock.
...	...	...	Caledonian Railway.
2,044	0	0	4% Consolidated Preference Stock, No. 1.
2,125	0	0	" " " No. 2.
600	0	0	4% Consolidated Guaranteed Stock.
...	...	...	South-Eastern Railway.
550	0	0	5% Consolidated Preference Stock.
...	...	...	London and North-Western Railway.
1,063	0	0	4% Consolidated Preference Stock.
...	...	...	Midland Railway.
400	0	0	5% Consolidated Perpetual Preference Stock.
...	...	...	Great Eastern Railway.
1,555	0	0	4% Preference Stock.
...	...	...	Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway.
676	0	0	4% Guaranteed South Yorkshire Rent Charge Stock.
...	...	...	Metropolitan Railway.
300	0	0	4% Preference Stock.
...	...	...	Scinde, Punjab, and Delhi Railway.
800	0	0	5% Guaranteed Capital Stock.
...	...	...	Illinois Central Railroad.
2,400	0	0	5% Sterling Sinking Fund Bonds, 1903.
...	...	...	Pennsylvania Railroad.
600	0	0	6% Consolidated Mortgage Bonds.
...	...	...	City of Montreal.
1,400	0	0	5% Sterling Loan Bonds.
...	...	...	India.
2,228	11	5	4% Stock.
...	...	...	New Zealand.
2783	0	4	4% Consolidated Stock.
...	Cape of Good Hope.
1,000	0	0	4½% Government Bonds.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

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MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND *in account with the* TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,
Dr. *For Year ended* DECEMBER 31, 1882. *Cr.*

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ANNUITIES FUND.

	£	s.	d.
To Paid Annuitants as per General Account	...	640	0 0
„ Balance	...	11,576	16 10
		£12,216	16 10
By Balance from 1881	...	10,161	5 11
„ 70 per Cent. on Members' Contributions of £1,595 10s.	...	1,116	17 0
„ Interest on Capital	...	938	13 11
		£12,216	16 10

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
To Premiums returned per General Account	...	91	0
" Incidental Expenses	...	9	0
" Balance	...	12,508	12 6
	£12,609	2	0
By Balance from 1881	...	10,697	0 3
" 30 per Cent. on Members' Contributions of £1,595 10s.	...	478	13 0
" Donations, Fees, &c.	...	1,433	8 9
	£12,609	2	0

For Auditor's Certificate see under "Balance Sheet," next page.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.—BALANCE SHEET.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Annuities' Fund...	By Sundry Investments at Cost Price	...	...	24,006 2 11
" Capital	" Cash in Bank	...	...	79 6 5
							<u>£24,085 9 4</u>

In conformity with the Rules of the Fund I have audited the above accounts, found them correct, examined the securities, and sent to the Committee, through the Treasurership Committee, a Valuation of the same as on December 30, 1882.

ROBT. A. McLEAN,

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 12, 1883.
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

F. & O. E.
January 1, 1883.

JOHN LEGGAT, *Financial Secretary.*

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1882.

DONATIONS.				DONATIONS—continued.			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
B.	Brought forward	...	...	56 1 0
F.	" C. R. V. ⁿ Birkenhead	...	...	5 0 0
Wm. Fraser, Esq.	G. B. Cadell, Esq.	...	...	5 0 0
A. Morris, Esq.	Henry Cowbrough, Esq.	...	...	10 0 0
Sunderland, St. George's	Rev. J. S. Craig	...	...	2 0 0
				T. Dobson, Esq.	...	...	3 0 0
				Rev. T. Dods	...	...	1 0 0
				Rev. George Douglas	...	...	10 0 0
				James Douglas, Esq.	...	...	2 0 0
				Matthew Dunlop, Esq.	...	...	5 0 0
				James Fraser, Esq.	...	...	5 0 0
				" A Friend," per Rev. J. Bogue	...	...	5 0 0
				John Gordon, Esq.	...	...	10 0 0
				Alexander Guthrie, Esq.	...	...	5 0 0
				A. S. Hannay, Esq.	...	...	20 0 0
				T. S. Hannay, Esq.	...	...	20 0 0
				John Heslop, Esq.	...	...	1 0 0
				Thomas Holder, Esq.	...	...	20 0 0
				Carried forward	...	...	185 1 0
							15 15 0

DONATIONS ON ACCOUNT OF £2,000 ADDITIONAL CAPITAL.

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
James Annandale, Esq.	20	0	0
C. R. Fell, Esq.	1	1	0
John Bingham, Esq.	10	0	0
William Bingham, Esq.	5	0	0
G. V. Blair, Esq.	3	0	0
Rev. J. Bogue	1	0	0
Rev. Dr. Boyd	5	0	0
Rev. J. Howie Boyd	1	0	0
G. H. Brown, Esq.	10	0	0
Carried forward	56	1	0
						15 15 0

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

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MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND—Continued.

DONATIONS—continued.			DONATIONS—continued.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
...	185	1 0	...	1,029	14 10
Brought forward	...	...	Brought forward	...	...
Sir W. W. Hughes	25	0 0	Congregations—continued.	...	...
Robert Jackson, Esq.	20	0 0	Birkenhead, Cloughton	29	14 3
David Jardine, Esq.	25	0 0	" St. Paul's	9	0 0
Thomas John, Esq.	2	0 0	Liverpool, Mount Pleasant	27	14 0
J. B. Johnstone, Esq.	15	0 0	" Sefton Park	22	16 2
Wm. Jnst, Esq. ...	5	0 0	London, Clapham Road	12	0 0
Ralph Kirk, Esq.	10	10 0	" Hampstead	7	0 0
J. Laughtland, Esq.	2	0 0	Manchester, Coupland Street	25	15 6
Mrs. James Macdonald	100	0 0		1,163	14 9
Geo. MacFerran, Esq.	10	0 0	INDUCTION FEES.		
Alexander MacIntyre, Esq.	3	0 0	Beaumont Union	3	14 0
John MacIntyre, jun., Esq.	25	0 0	Birmingham, New John Street	4	0 0
Robert Moore, Esq.	5	0 0	Harrington	4	0 0
J. L. Muir, Esq. ...	5	0 0	Harrogate	6	0 0
C. Muirhead, Esq.	5	0 0	Hull, Holderness Road	4	0 0
Henry Robson, Esq.	100	0 0	" Springbank	3	11 0
John Roxburgh, Esq.	20	0 0	Tow Law	3	2 0
W. P. Sinclair, Esq.	100	0 0	Darenth	4	0 0
Mrs. W. P. Sinclair	20	0 0	Guernsey	3	2 0
S. G. Sinclair, Esq.	20	0 0	Holybourne	3	2 0
James Smith, Esq.	20	0 0	Jersey	6	0 0
Samuel Smith, Esq., M.P.	20	0 0	Belgrave	12	0 0
Thomas Smith, Esq.	1	0 0	Bernondsey	4	0 0
A Son of the Manse and in Loving Memory	100	0 0	Kensington	10	0 0
of two Sons, per Rev. John Matheson	2	2 0	Kentish Town	4	0 0
James Stohart, Esq.	17	2 0	Tooting	2	0 0
Sundry Subscriptions per Rev. J. Smith	1	0 0	Woolwich, St. Andrews	5	0 0
Rev. J. Tannahill	20	0 0	St. Leonard's-on-Sea	6	0 0
George Taylor, Esq.	5	0 0	Bolton	6	0 0
Rev. J. Towers	5	0 0	Crewe	4	0 0
James Wait, Esq.	100	0 0	Withington	10	0 0
W. Westgarth, Esq.	1	1 0	Falstone	4	0 0
Rev. T. White	5	0 0	Hebburn	4	0 0
John Williamson, Esq.	...	...	Newcastle, John Knox	8	0 0
	15	18 10	North Shields, Northumberland Square	7	0 0
Berwick, Wallace Green	...	...	Seaham Harbour	3	10 0
Carlisle, Fisher Street	14	0 0	Swalwell	4	0 0
	1,029	14 10	Marriage Fees	...	...
Carried forward		138	1 0
	...	15 15 0		75	0 0
	1,029	14 10		£1,392	10 9

HOME MISSION FUND—Balance Sheet.

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THE HOME MISSION FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

*Dr.**For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1882.**Cr.*

To Grants:—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I. Church Extension Grants	...	1,173	6	8			
II. Evangelistic Grants—							
1. Mission Congregations	£247 10 0						
2. Employment of Students	20 0 0						
3. Half Expenses of Evangelistic Services	... 15 15 9						
4. Congregational Mission Stations	... 12 10 0						
5. Services to Militia	... 5 0 0						
6. Proportion of Cost of Mission Work at Yarmouth	... 10 0 0	310	15	9			
					1,484	2	5
Proportion of Office Charges	...				138	3	2
" " Travelling Expenses	...				32	17	8
" " Synod Printing	...				25	16	6
" " College Rent	...				7	10	0
" Printing and Stationery	...				6	17	6
" Expenses of Deputation to York	...				1	5	0
" " Synod Deputies	...				7	16	7
					1,704	8	10
Balance in Bank	...				1,314	14	11
					£3,019	3	9
Audited and found correct,							
ROBERT A. McLEAN,							
Chartered Accountant, Auditor,							
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 12, 1883.							
By Balance from last Year							
" Congregational Contributions—							
Presbytery of Berwick	...				30	11	5
Birmingham	...				24	1	7
Bristol	...				49	10	2
Carlisle	...				20	3	2
Darlington	...				43	6	8
Liverpool	...				523	7	1
London	...				713	17	8
Manchester	...				154	7	11
Newcastle	...				145	14	2
Northumberland	...				22	11	11
					1,727	11	9
" Sabbath Schools	...				...
" Donations	...				...
" " through Union Thanksgiving Fund	...				...
" Free Church of Scotland	...				...
" Interest	...				...
					...		
Balance brought down	...				...
					£3,019	3	9
					1,314	14	11

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 12, 1883.

Audited and found correct,
ROBERT A. McLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

E & O. E.
January 1, 1883.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

GRANTS PAID FROM HOME MISSION FUND, for Year ended December 31, 1882.

Special Grant made to Ramsbottom

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THE CHURCH BUILDING FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

Dr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1882.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Grant, Walsall	750	0	0	By Balance from last year	...	...	...
" Proportion of Office Charges	17	5	5	" Subscriptions	...	184	0 0
" Travelling Expenses	5	4	7	" Union Thanksgiving Fund	...	1,000	0 0
" Synod Printing	5	5	7	" Interest	...	26	8 6
" College Rent	2	10	0				
" Architect's Fees	36	15	0			1,210	8 6
" Printing Rules	0	11	0				
	817	11	7				
" Balance in Bank	1,708	3	4				
	£2,525	14	11			£2,525	14 11
				" Balance brought down	...	1,708	3 4

Dr. THE AID AND LOAN FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE. Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Grants:-				By Balance from last year	...	...	466 1 10
" Liverpool, Shaw Street	100	0	0	" Loans repaid	...	...	155 0 0
" Goldington Crescent	250	0	0				
" Wigan (Loan)	250	0	0				
	600	0	0	" Balance overdrawn	...	...	621 1 10
" Proportion of Office Charges	17	5	5				41 4 9
" Travelling Expenses	5	4	7				
" Synod Printing	5	5	7				
" College Rent	2	10	0				
" Architect's Fees	31	10	0				
" Printing Rules	0	11	0				
	£662	6	7				£662 6 7
" Balance brought down	...	...	41 4 9				

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

E. & O. E.
January 1, 1883.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London,
February 12, 1883.
Audited and found correct,
ROBT. A. McLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND—Summary of Transactions.

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Dr. GENERAL STATEMENT OF CHURCH BUILDING ACCOUNT, up to 31st December, 1882. *Cr.*

To the following Grants, viz.—		£	s.	d.
Shrewsbury	...	750	...	...
Clapton	...	750	...	...
Gloucester	...	750	...	...
Bowdon	...	750	...	...
Bournemouth	...	750	...	...
Ipswich	...	750	...	...
Wandsworth	...	750	...	...
Sale	...	750	...	...
Southport	...	750	...	...
Blyth	...	750	...	...
Waterloo, Liverpool	...	750	...	...
Ramsbottom	...	750	...	...
Holderness Road, Hull	...	750	...	...
Jarrow	...	750	...	...
Woolston	...	750	...	...
Willesden	...	750	...	...
Upper Norwood	...	750	...	...
Aberdare	...	750	...	...
Durham	...	750	...	...
Middlesborough	...	750	...	...
Crouch Hill	...	750	...	...
Wood Green	...	750	...	...
York	...	750	...	...
Union, Liverpool	...	750	...	...
Canterbury	...	750	...	...
Walsall	...	750	...	...
Stockton (one moiety)	...	375	...	...
Whitby	...	375	...	...
Streatham	...	375	...	...
Leeds, Cavendish Road (one moiety)	...	375	...	...
Portsmouth	...	375	...	...
"	...	21,375	0	0
Printing Charges, Expenses of Public and Committee Meetings, and Travelling Expenses of Deputations	...	698	2	1
Less Balance of Interest Account	...	280	14	6
		417	7	7
Balance in hand of Danks	...	1,708	3	4
		£23,500	10	11

JEWISH MISSION FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1882.

Cr.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	...	...	...	77	2	6			
" Rev. T. J. Meyer, Salary for year	500	0	0						
" Mr. Caplan	80	0	0						
" Mr. Polan	28	0	0	608	0	0			
" Housekeeper's Wages	7	10	0						
" Mission Expenses	31	12	3						
" Rent	80	0	0						
" Expenses of Reading Room	7	16	7						
" Proportion of Office Charges				126	18	10			
" Travelling Expenses				34	10	10			
" College Rent				9	11	1			
" Synod Printing				2	10	0			
" Printing				12	4	6			
" Costs of New Lease				2	16	6			
" Balance in bank				7	7	0			
				881	1	3			
				19	14	0			
				£900	15	3			

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. MCLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London,
February 12, 1883.

By Congregational Contributions:—

Presbytery of Berwick	...	...	...
" Birmingham	...	...	...
" Bristol	...	...	...
" Carlisle	...	...	...
" Darlington	...	...	...
" Liverpool	...	...	...
" London	...	...	...
" Manchester	...	...	...
" Newcastle	...	...	...
" Northumberland	...	...	...
Sabbath Schools	...	...	...
" Donations	...	...	...
" per Union Thanksgiving Fund	...	...	...

821 4 10
25 5 11
51 6 6
2 18 0

£900 15 3

19 14 0

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

E. & O. E.,
January 1, 1883.

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

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The Foreign Missions Fund in account

For Year ended

Dr.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year			1,864	1	0
To <i>Missionaries' Salaries</i> —								
AMOY,	Rev. W. S. Swanson	...	450	0	0			
	Rev. Wm. Macgregor	...	430	0	0			
	Rev. Robert Gordon	...	360	0	0			
	Rev. Henry Thompson	...	340	0	0			
	Rev. John Watson	...	250	0	0			
	Rev. Dr. A. L. Macleish (Nov. 27, 1881, to Oct. 31, 1882)	...	301	14	9			
	Dr. Grant	...	250	0	0			
SWATOW,	Rev. George Smith	...	320	0	0			
	Rev. H. L. Mackenzie	...	360	0	0			
	Rev. William Duffus	...	370	0	0			
	Rev. Jno. C. Gibson	...	250	0	0			
	Rev. D. MacIver	...	250	0	0			
	Rev. Dr. Wm. Riddel (Nov. 27, 1881, to Oct. 31, 1882)	...	232	2	8			
	Dr. Gauld (2 months)	...	68	6	8			
	Dr. Alex. Lyall	...	250	0	0			
	Mr. Wm. Paton (Missionary Teacher)	...	250	0	0			
FORMOSA,	Rev. William Campbell	...	328	0	0			
	Rev. Thomas Barclay	...	250	0	0			
	Rev. David Smith	...	350	0	0			
	Rev. William Thow	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. Anderson	...	250	0	0			
SINGAPORE,	Rev. J. A. B. Cook (Nov. 17, 1881, to Oct. 31, 1882)	...	239	0	10			
ENGLAND,	Dr. J. L. Maxwell	...	205	0	0			
	Rev. James Main (at Oxford)	...	80	0	0			
						6,684	4	11
„ <i>Widows and Orphans' Fund</i> , extra premium for residence abroad of 23 Missionaries (one for two years)	...	...	...	...	...	120	0	0
„ <i>Passage Money</i> —								
	Rev. David Smith, homewards	...	170	12	6			
	Rev. J. C. Gibson „ balance	...	3	5	7			
	Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Amoy to Swatow	...	8	12	6			
	Mr. and Mrs. Paton „	...	11	10	0			
	Rev. Dr. Riddel, from Hong Kong to Swatow	...	7	3	2			
	Rev. J. A. B. Cook, Swatow, Amoy, and Singapore	...	21	11	9			
	Rev. James Main, outwards	...	66	6	1			
	Rev. W. McGregor, outwards	...	69	11	6			
	Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, outwards	...	134	3	5			
	Dr. McPhun, outwards	...	67	6	7			
	Miss Henry, outwards	...	70	2	9			
	Miss Spark, outwards	...	73	9	1			
	Miss Gardner, outwards	...	73	3	7			
	Miss Still, outwards	...	73	16	1			
						850	14	7
Travelling Expenses of Missionaries in England on Deputation work	...	...				173	4	3
Carried forward	...	...				9,692	4	9

with the Treasurership Committee,

DECEMBER 31, 1882.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>By Congregational Contributions—</i>						
From Presbytery of Berwick	137	11	8			
" Birmingham	58	6	1			
" Bristol	202	3	9			
" Carlisle	68	2	1			
" Darlington	344	17	9			
" Liverpool	1,624	14	2			
" London	3,086	18	1			
" Manchester	807	11	8			
" Newcastle	369	0	1			
" Northumberland	92	11	5			
				6,791	16	9
„ <i>Juvenile Fund</i>				1,724	6	0
„ <i>Svetov Girls' School—</i>						
Received from a Lady Friend, per G. F. Barbour, Esq.				83	17	10
„ <i>Colonial and Continental Contributions—</i>						
Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, per Rev. Isaac Mackay	80	0	0			
Breslau and Görlitz Free Evangelical Churches, per Rev. H. Röther	5	2	0			
Presbyterian Church of Victoria, per Rev. M. McDonald	39	7	0			
Wm. Howat, Esq., Melbourne	20	0	0			
Mr. John McNeill, Evangelist, Melbourne	25	0	0			
				169	9	0
„ <i>Edinburgh Committee for Scottish Auxiliary Associations, for Salaries of—</i>						
Rev. Wm. McGregor	430	0	0			
Rev. George Smith	320	0	0			
Dr. Gauld (2 months)	68	6	8			
Rev. W. Duffus	360	0	0			
Rev. D. McIver	250	0	0			
Dr. Lyall	250	0	0			
Rev. Dr. Riddel	250	0	0			
	1,928	6	8			
Subscriptions to Widows and Orphans' Fund	30	0	0			
Passage money (outwards) and outfit of Rev. Wm. McGregor	91	11	9			
Passage money, &c., Dr. McPhun	172	4	11			
Salaries of Native Evangelists, &c.	500	0	0			
				2,722	3	4
„ <i>Union Thanksgiving Fund—</i>						
LONDON—						
J. C. Reid, Esq., Croydon	4	0	0			
Rev. D. Belloch	3	0	0			
J. S. Balmer, Esq.	1	0	0			
Mdle. Contant	0	6	0			
Miss Mackaness	0	4	0			
Carried forward	8	10	0	11,491	12	11

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

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Dr.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND *in account*

	Brought forward	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
							9,692	4	9
To Outfit of Missionaries—									
	Rev. James Main (Medical, £20)	...	...	70	0	0			
	Mr. and Mrs. Thompson	...	...	75	0	0			
	Dr. McPhun (Medical)	...	...	110	0	0			
	Rev. W. McGregor (Return)	...	...	25	0	0			
	Miss Spark	...	...	25	0	0			
	Miss Still	...	...	25	0	0			
	Miss Gardner	...	...	25	0	0			
	Miss Henry	...	...	25	0	0			
							380	0	0
,, Home Charges—									
	The "Gospel in China"	...	£177	9	11				
	Less donations received on account		4	19	0				
							172	10	11
	Illustrations for "Children's Messenger"	...		22	9	9			
	" per Dr. Maxwell	...		4	11	0			
	Insertion of Juvenile Contributions in "Children's Messenger"	...	...	32	10	0			
	Annual Reports	...	...	35	14	0			
	Share of Synod Reports and Printing	...	...	42	13	8			
	Share of Office Charges	...	...	230	5	6			
	Travelling Expenses of Presbytery Representatives and Members of Committee	...	...	31	15	9			
	Missionary Boxes, Children's Cards, &c.	...	...	37	17	0			
	Books, Maps, Advertisements, and Printing	...	...	24	7	11			
	Messengers and posting to Missionaries and Home Correspondents	...	...	26	12	9			
	Planetarium for Swatow	...	...	5	0	0			
	Expenses of Annual Meeting (Exeter Hall)	...	...	49	7	6			
	Share of College Rent	...	...	12	10	0			
	Interest on Overdrawn Account		£49	3	7				
	Interest on Loan from Bank	...	78	4	11				
							127	8	6
							855	14	3
,, Amoy Mission Expenses, viz.—									
	Salaries of 33 Native Preachers	...	...	Dols.	Dols.				
	" 19 Teachers	...	...	2,496					
	" 18 Chapel-keepers	...	...	968	75				
	" 2 Colporteurs	...	...	456					
	" 2 Colporteurs	...	...	40					
	Support of 14 Students	...	...	309					
	Students' Seminary Expenses	...	...	76	91				
	Gospel Boat and Steam Launch Expenses	...	...	375	14				
	Wages of 7 Boatmen	...	...	450					
	River Boat Expenses	...	...	123	62				
	Less received for sale of old Gospel Boat, &c.			51	37				
							72	25	
	Travelling Expenses, Consular Fees, &c.	...	...	501	26				
	Grants in aid of Church Building and Furnishing	...	...	867	67				
	Rents of Chapels and Land	...	...	302	40				
	Purchase and Repairs of Houses, &c.	...	...	3,619	16				
	Medical Account	...	...	167	50				
	Less received from American Mission			100	00				
							67	50	
	Allowance to 3 Widows	35					
	Carried forward	10,637	04		10,927	19	0

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

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		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	8	10	0	11,491	12	11
By Union Thanksgiving Fund (continued)—							
Rev. J. Matheson ...	...	1	0	0			
C. R. Matheson, Esq. ...	...	0	4	0			
Dr. Strange ...	...	2	0	0			
					11	14	0

„ Legacies—

The late Alexander Aitken, of Hollinwood, Fallowfield, Manchester ...	...	50	0	0			
The late Miss Eliz. Shepherd, Chelsea, per Miss A. M. Downing ...	...	5	0	0			
The late Miss Eliz. Shepherd, Chelsea, per G. O. Saunders, Esq. ...	...	45	0	0			
The late Donald Mackay, Thurso (annual) ...	...	10	0	0			
„ A. Robertson's Trust, per Messrs. Honeyman & Drummond, Glasgow ...	...	375	1	8			
The Executor of the late David Sandeman ...	...	22	18	9			
					508	0	5

„ Donations—

James Alexander, jun., Esq. ...	...	20	0	0			
William Amos, Esq. ...	...	4	0	0			
N. B. E. Baillie, Esq. ...	...	1	1	0			
Robert Barbour, Esq. ...	...	100	0	0			
Rev. Thomas Barclay ...	...	50	0	0			
Balance from Synod Breakfast ...	...	4	10	0			
“Berwick” ...	...	50	0	0			
Bishopton F. C. Sabbath School for Formosa ...	...	1	0	0			
Rev. J. Howie Boyd ...	...	5	0	0			
Wm. Brander, Esq. ...	...	40	0	0			
Mrs. M. C. Caley ...	...	1	1	0			
Mrs. James Carson ...	...	5	0	0			
James K. Cruickshank, Esq. ...	...	1	0	0			
John Cunliffe, Esq. ...	...	100	0	0			
“D. M. M.” ...	...	1	0	0			
W. R. Foster, Esq. ...	...	50	0	0			
William Fraser, Esq. ...	...	1	0	0			
“A Friend” ...	...	100	0	0			
“A Friend” ...	...	25	0	0			
“A Friend” ...	...	25	0	0			
“A Friend” ...	...	20	0	0			
“A Friend” ...	...	20	0	0			
“A Friend in Scotland” ...	...	10	0	0			
“Friends in Sunderland,” collected by Miss Millar ...	...	3	2	6			
“A Friend, Greenlaw,” for Formosa ...	...	1	0	0			
“A Friend, Fifeshire” ...	...	1	0	0			
L. Gibson, Esq. ...	...	3	3	0			
Mrs. William Gillespie ...	...	0	2	0			
James Grant, Esq. (2 donations) ...	...	3	0	0			
Greenlaw F. C. Sabbath School, for Tai-wan-foo College ...	...	2	3	6			
Dr. John Grieve, per Rev. A. N. Mackray, Torquay ...	...	5	0	0			
“His Own Executor” ...	...	250	0	0			
A. R. Johnstone, Esq. ...	...	10	0	0			
C. J. Kerr, Esq.	2	0	0			
H. King, Esq.	1	0	0			
John Leckie, Esq.	2	0	0			

Carried forward ... £918 3 0 12,011 7 4

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THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND *in account*

			Dols.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward		10,637	04	10,927 19 0
To Amoy Mission Expenses (continued)—						
Boys' School Expenses	...	...	291	10		
Less received from American Mission	\$166	62				
„ School Fees	...	...	44	210	62	
						80
Cemetery Expenses	...	...				10
Chinchew Hospital	...	...	936	11		
Less Donation from Mr. W. Paton	...	...	25			
						911
Amoy Dispensary	...	...				122
Balance due to Treasurer from last account	...	...				90
						11,853
Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	...				25
						68
						11,921
Contributions from Native Congregations			129			
„ account Gó-Ché Chapel	...	...	68			
Contributions for Douglas Church-keeper			24			
Charter of Steam Launch	...	...	434			
Cash returned from Pan-tô	...	...	23			678
						Dollars 11,243
						71 or
						£2,125 13 5
Medicines sent from England	...	...				92 19 10
Printing Chinese Arithmetic	...	...				53 1 5
						2,271 14 8
„ Swatow Mission Expenses, viz.—						
Salaries of 15 Native Preachers	...	...	1,057	80		
„ 13 Native Teachers	...	...	694	30		
„ 17 Native Chapel-keepers	...	...	518	40		
„ 4 Boatmen	...	...	204	04		
Support of 28 Students	...	...	773	02		
Rents, Repairs, and General Expenses	...	...	1,188	68		
Renting and altering Dwelling for Hak-ka Missionaries	...	...	601	19		
Travelling Expenses	...	...	874	13		
Building River Boat	...	...	216	12		
Building Teachers' House	...	...	1,500	57		
Help towards building Church at Yamtsau	...	...	330			
Seminaries, Books, Printing Press, and Station Expenses	...	...	346	32		
Girls' School Expenses	...	...	670	90		
Less Fees	...	\$69	00			
Work sold	...	164	30	233	30	
						437
Boys' School Expenses	...	...	760	04		
Less Fees	...	\$200	75			
„ Donation by Mr. Paton	...	16	216	75		
						543
Burns Memorial Church, completing	...	...				209
						9,495
Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	...				26
						392
						87
						9,888
Carried forward				13,199 13 8

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

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			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	918	3	0	12,011	7	4
By Donations (continued)—								
Liverpool Presbytery — Special Donations per								
Thomas Matheson, Esq.—								
Alexander Balfour, Esq.	...	£100	0	0				
J. W. Heblethwaite, Esq.	...	5	0	0				
William Just, Esq.	...	5	0	0				
John McDiarmid, Esq.	...	50	0	0				
Thomas Matheson, Esq.	...	10	0	0				
Samuel Smith, Esq., M.P.	...	20	0	0				
Samuel Stitt, Esq.	...	25	0	0				
Edward Wylie, Esq.	...	5	0	0				
					220	0	0	
J. Macandrew, Esq.	...	...	5	0	0			
"A. McI."	...	...	50	0	0			
Rev. D. McIver	...	...	15	0	0			
Mr. G. G. Mackay, Liverpool	...	...	0	11	6			
Rev. W. Macgill, Cork	...	...	1	0	0			
D. McKechnie, Esq.	...	...	100	0	0			
Manchester Presbytery — Special Donations per								
J. A. Beith, Esq.—								
Miss Barbour	...	£10	0	0				
J. A. Beith, Esq.	...	20	0	0				
G. B. Blair, Esq.	...	20	0	0				
A. Fraser, Esq.	...	3	0	0				
Mrs. Parlane	...	20	0	0				
					73	0	0	
Miss Matheson	...	...	6	0	0			
Minister's Sabbath Morning Family Mission Box...	...	...	2	13	6			
Per Dr. Maxwell—								
Hugh Anderson, Esq.	...	0	5	0				
Dr. Crabbe	...	2	0	0				
"M. M. M."	...	10	0	0				
Miss S. Nickson	...	2	2	0				
Miss Nicoll	...	5	5	0				
Miss Sarah Perry	...	0	15	0				
"W."	...	2	0	0				
Mrs. Warwick	...	3	0	0				
"W. N. St. M. A."	...	2	0	0				
					27	7	0	
A. Mitchell, Esq.	...	...	20	0	0			
Mr. Mitchell, per Rev. W. McGregor	...	...	1	0	0			
Left by late James Moffat, 14 Grange Road	...	...	4	14	1			
Mrs. Nalder	...	...	5	0	0			
"N. S."	...	...	3	0	0			
"An Office-bearer"	...	...	50	0	0			
Mr. Pepin	...	...	1	0	0			
Reginald Radcliffe, Esq.	...	...	1	0	0			
Reyner Trust Fund	...	...	40	0	0			
Miss Eliz. Sizmur	...	...	0	10	0			
Miss Smith	...	...	3	0	0			
Misses Smith	...	...	10	0	0			
"S. N. W. R."	...	...	1	0	0			
"S. S."	...	...	100	0	0			
Rev. G. Stevenson	...	...	1	0	0			
Dr. A. P. Stewart	...	...	10	10	0			
W. W. Stewart, Esq.	2	2	0			
"J. S." (3 donations)	4	4	0			
Mrs. Thompson	1	0	0			
Carried forward	£1,677	15	1	12,011	7	4

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THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND *in account*

		Dols.	Dols.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	...	9,888·13	13,199	13	8
To	<i>Seaton Mission Expenses</i> (continued)—					
	Balance from last account	...	453·42			
	Received from Presbytery's preaching fund	254·32				
	Per E. Smith, Esq., New Zealand—					
	Kaikorai Congregation	... £5 0 0				
	St. Andrew's, Dunedin	... 11 7 4				
		16 7 4				
	Less Exchange	... 0 3 4				
		£16 4 0 =	84·98			
	Balance of Congregational Collections	...	60·87			
	Congregational School Fees	...	28·64			
	Sale of Books	...	14·20			
			894·63			
„	<i>Formosa Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—		8,993·50	or	1,722	6 5
	Salaries of 35 Native Preachers	...	2,272·			
	„ 10 School Teachers	...	404·			
	„ Chapel-keepers	...	283·			
	Travelling Expenses	...	1,053·26			
	College Expenses	...	210·90			
	Missionaries' Residences	...	7,077·47			
	Missionaries' Teachers	...	236·50			
	Building and Repairs of Chapels, &c.	...	412·60			
	Hospital Expenses	...	664·59			
	Grant to Toa-sia for Sustentation Fund	...	47·46			
	Books bought for Resale	...	147·42			
	Less received for Books sold	...	134·			
			13·42			
	Sundries	...	67·95			
			12,743·15			
	Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	496·36			
			13,239·51			
	Balance from last account	...	195·01			
	Native Church Collections	...	400·71			
	„ „ for Schools	...	81·68			
	Compensation in Lai-po case per Consul	284·				
	Proceeds of Sale of old Chapel, Tang-kang	30·				
	Hospital Subscriptions and Donations	...	568·			
	Sales	...	254·09			
			822·09			
	Drawn on Messrs. Boyd & Co., Special	...	187·			
			2,000·49			
			11,239·02	or		
			£2,200 0 0			
	Medicines sent from England	...	31 12 2			
„	<i>India Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—					
	Dr. Morison's Salary	...				
	New Mission Hall	...				
	Zenana Work	...				
	Schools	...				
	Evangelist	...				
	Dispensaries	...				
	House Building, Repairs, Rents, and Taxes	...				
	Boat and Travelling Expenses	...				
	Church	...				
	Pony and Oxen	...				
	Books, Tracts, and Stationery	...				
	Omnibus for Girls' School	...				
	Carried forward	...	6,973 12 11		17,497	15 7

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1,677	15	1	12,011	7	4
<i>By Donations (continued)—</i>									
Rev. Wm. Thow	5	0	0			
J. G. Van Ryn, Esq.	2	0	0			
James Wallace, Esq. (subscription)	2	2	0			
" (donation)	3	3	0			
Rev. Geo. Waterman	0	10	0			
Mrs. and Misses Waterhouse	5	0	0			
F. A. White, Esq., for Boys' School, Swatow	5	0	0			
"A Working Man"	1	0	0			
"A Workman's Thank-offering"	2	0	0			
"X. Y. Z."	5	0	0			
<i>Donations on account of India—</i>									
J. W. Laidlay, Esq.	50	0	0			
James Macandrew, Esq.	5	0	0			
Arthur Magniac, Esq.	50	0	0			
Donald Matheson, Esq.	10	0	0			
C. S. & H. K. Patterson, Esqs.	1	0	0			
J. R. Bullen Smith, Esq., C.S.I.	20	0	0			
Dr. A. P. Stewart	2	2	0			
James Wallace, Esq. (subscription)	2	2	0			
				140	4	0			
							1,848	14	1
<i>„ Collections at Missionary Meetings—</i>									
At Exeter Hall	67	18	2			
At Manchester	6	7	10			
At Burghhead F. C. (Mr. Main's Ordination)	9	0	0			
							83	6	0
<i>„ Burns Memorial Church—</i>									
From G. F. Barbour, Esq.				40	4	5
<i>„ Swatow Sanitarium—</i>									
From John M. Douglas, Esq., on account				100	0	0
<i>„ Students' Missionary Society—</i>									
On account of Hak-ka Mission...				106	8	0
<i>„ Women's Missionary Association—</i>									
For Purchase of House at Amoy	800	0	0			
Mrs. Ritchie's Passage homewards	82	12	0			
							882	12	0
Carried forward				£15,072	11	10

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THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND *in account*

					<i>Rs.</i>		<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
	Brought forward		6,973	12	11	17,497	15 7
<i>To India Mission Expenses (continued)—</i>									
	Orphans	...	...	...	95	14	3		
	Colporteur	...	...	...	12	0	0		
	General Expenses	...	...	...	46	11	3		
					7,128	6	5		
	Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	...		495	9	8		
					7,623	0	1		
	Balance from last Account	Rs.	1,260	0	6				
	Received from Zenana Work	...	1,169	10	6				
	Contributions from Europeans	...	706	4	0				
	„ to New Mission Hall	...	879	15	0				
	Government Aid and Fees for Schools	...	497	14	0				
	Bible and Tract Society's Grant for								
	itinerating	...	350	0	0				
	Books and Tracts sold	...	92	6	6				
	Consultation Fees and Dispensary								
	Aid from Patients	...	93	9	0				
	Government Aid to Orphans	...	31	0	0				
	Miscellaneous	...	38	0	0				
					5,118	11	6		
					Rs.	2,505	4	7	
					or				
					£211	3	9		
	Medicines sent from England		9	16	1		
								220	19 10
								£17,718	15 5
	„ Balance brought down	2,587	8 7
	„ in Bank	890	1 5
								£3,477	10 0

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Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. MCLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, *February* 12, 1883.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT for the Year ending DECEMBER 31, 1882.

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PAYMENTS.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries—									
Mrs. Ritchie, 10 months to Oct. 31, 1882				125	0	0			
Miss Murray, 9 months				112	10	0			
Miss Mellis, 8 months				100	0	0			
				---			337	10	0
" Amoy—									
Girls' School	...	...		100	0	0			
House purchased for Ladies	...	...		800	0	0			
On account, for enlarging School	...	...		83	18	8			
Miss MacLagan's Outfit and Passage	...	...		113	2	8			
							1,097	1	4
" Formosa—									
Mrs. Ritchie's Passage home in 1880	...	...		82	12	0			
On account, for Mrs. Ritchie's and Miss Murray's Travelling and other Expenses in Formosa	...	...		50	0	0			
							132	12	0
" Swatow—									
Balance of cost of Ladies' House, including Furniture, Insurance, &c.	...	...		321	12	0			
Current Expenses, and Support of Bible Women during Instruction	...	...		52	0	0			
Salary of Miss Mellis's Teacher...	...	...		16	0	0			
Salary of Hang Sim, Bible Woman	...	...		7	0	0			
On account, for Travelling Expenses	...	...		10	0	0			
							406	12	0
" Rampore Bauleah—									
Grant for Zenana Work	...	...					60	0	0
" Home charges—									
Missionary Festival Expenses	...	...		36	7	0			
Annual Meeting Expenses	...	...		3	1	0			
Attendants at Committee Meetings	...	...		2	0	0			
Printing, and Freight, &c., of Boxes	...	...		4	14	4			
"Our Sisters in Other Lands," cost, less Sales	...	...		33	0	11			
							79	3	3
" Balance carried forward	...	...					2,112	18	7
							903	16	3
							£3,016	14	10

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last Account—									
* General Fund	...	...		355	13	10			
* Building Fund	...	...		246	8	0			
							602	1	10
" Donations and Subscriptions—									
Associations, as per list	...	...					
Sundries	"	"							
" Missionary Festivals or Sales—									
London	...	...		731	12	7			
Liverpool	...	...		159	15	8			
Cheltenham	...	...					891	8	3
" London	...	...		1081	8	5			
" Liverpool	...	...		307	4	10			
" Cheltenham	...	...		76	8	0			
							1,465	1	3
" Legacy, the late Miss Chick	...	...					58	3	6
* The Committee consider it to be now unnecessary to keep these as distinct funds. They are, therefore, merged into the General Account.									

THE COLLEGE FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

Dr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31 1882.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	224	7	3
" Principal Chalmers' Salary for Year	700	0	0			
" Professor Graham's Salary for Year	700	0	0			
" Professor Gibbs' Salary for Year	400	0	0			
" Rev. W. G. Elmslie (Honorarium)	150	0	0			
				1,950	0	0
" Janitor's Wages, and House and Garden Expenses	...	...	...	260	16	6
" Coals, Gas, and Water	...	...	...	103	13	3
" Rates and Taxes	...	...	...	65	15	10
" Income Tax and House Duty	...	...	...	19	7	4
" Rent	...	...	...	244	16	0
" Library	...	...	...	5	14	0
" Fire Insurance	...	...	...	6	15	0
" Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	13	9	11
" Proportion of Office Charges	...	...	...	69	1	10
" Travelling Expenses	...	...	...	29	13	11
" Synod Printing	...	...	...	24	19	5
" Painting and Repairs of Building	...	...	...	100	0	0
" Examination Board Expenses	...	...	...	34	1	1
" Balance	...	...	...	211	14	1
				£3,364	5	5
By Congregational Contributions—						
Presbytery of Berwick	...	...	...	19	16	2
" Birmingham	...	...	...	5	18	0
" Bristol	...	...	...	29	2	5
" Carlisle	...	...	...	13	8	1
" Darlington	...	...	...	27	3	1
" Liverpool	...	...	...	315	7	11
" London	...	...	...	412	8	3
" Manchester	...	...	...	69	4	3
" Newcastle	...	...	...	83	3	11
" Northumberland	...	...	...	24	7	2
				999	19	3
" Subscriptions from Regent Square	...	...	...	100	10	0
" Donations	...	...	...	12	10	6
" W. P. Sinclair, Esq., to wipe out deficit at close of 1881	...	...	...	224	0	0
" Thos. Drysdale, Esq., on account of Supplement to Barbour Professor for five years, £500—of which available for 1882	...	...	...	100	0	0
				336	10	6
" College Trustees	...	...	...	1150	0	0
" Rent from London Presbytery	...	...	...	60	0	0
" Rent of Stables	...	...	...	60	0	0
" Rent from Standing Committees	...	...	...	45	0	0
				165	0	0
" Dividend on Endowment of Barbour Chair	...	...	...	489	11	8
" Sabbath Schools	...	...	...	3	0	0
" Donations thro' Union Thanksgiving Fund	...	...	...	42	0	0
" Students' Fees	77	14	0
				£3,364	5	5
" Balance brought down	211	14	1

NEW ENDOWMENT FUND.

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Audited and found correct,
ROBT. A. MCLEAN,

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 12, 1883.

E. & O. E.
January 1, 1883.

JNO. LEGGAT, Financial Secretary.

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Audited and found correct, ROBT. A. McLEAN, *Chartered Accountant*,
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, March 17, 1883.

NEW ENDOWMENT FUND—CAPITAL ACCOUNT,

DECEMBER 30, 1882.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£ To Investments made during the year—						
5,000 „ Hull, Barnsley and West Riding Railway and Dock Company, 4½ % Debenture Bonds ...	5,006	3	3			
1,000 „ Caledonian Railway, 4 % Debenture Stock ...	1,110	0	0			
1,000 „ South Eastern Railway, 4 % Perpetual Debenture Stock ...	1,120	0	0			
1,000 „ Midland Railway, 4 % Perpetual Debenture Stock ...	1,135	0	0			
2,060 „ London Brighton and South Coast Railway, 4 % Debenture Stock ...	2,307	4	0			
1,000 „ London and North Western Railway, 4 % Debenture Stock ...	1,165	0	0			
1,000 „ Great Eastern Railway, 4 % Debenture Stock ...	1,110	0	0			
„ Broker's Commission and Stamps, and Fees on above ...	49	15	0			
				13,003	2	3
„ London Joint Stock Bank. First Instalment on Purchase of 13 new shares ...				97	14	3
„ Union Bank of London. First Instalment on Purchase of 11 new shares ...	84	0	0			
„ Purchase of two-ninths of 1 share, making 12 new shares in all ...	2	17	6			
„ Balance carried down ...				86	17	6
				170	7	0
				13,358	1	0

Audited and found correct.

Audited and found correct.
ROBT. A. MCLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
1 Queen Victoria Street, London *March 17, 1883.*

CONTRIBUTIONS, TO NEW ENDOWMENT FUND,

To December 31, 1882.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
J. C. Alexander, Esq.	Brought forward ...	£23,636	14	0
James Alexander, jun., Esq.	Rev. Dr. J. Oswald Dykes ...	...	20	0
James Anderson, Esq.	Rev. Dr. John Edmond ...	...	5	0
W. D. Anderson, Esq.	Rev. W. G. Elmslie, M.A. ...	...	20	0
W. Armstrong, Esq.	"F." (2 donations) ...	...	10	0
Messrs. A. Ralfour and S. Williamson	James Farquharson, Esq. ...	...	5	0
Dr. H. Barrett	Legacy left by late J. Finch ...	...	500	0
Thomas Bell, Esq.	Robert Fletcher, Esq. (2 donations) ...	...	110	10
Dr. J. Lindsay Bennett	Rev. D. Fotheringham ...	...	5	0
W. Bingham, Esq.	A. Fraser, Esq. (Sale) ...	...	3	3
Rev. J. Black	Rev. Dr. Donald Fraser ...	...	10	0
Rev. Dr. Boyd	"A Friend" ...	...	5	0
Rev. J. Howie Boyd, B.D.	W. R. Galbraith, Esq. ...	...	20	0
W. Brand, Esq.	Rev. Dr. J. Monro Gibson ...	...	20	0
Gainsford Bruce, Esq.	James Gilchrist, Esq. ...	...	25	0
G. B. Bruce, Esq.	James Goodman, Esq. ...	...	25	0
Rev. J. Collingwood Bruce, LL.D.	William Graham, Esq. ...	...	50	0
G. A. Calder, Esq.	Peter Graham, Esq. ...	...	20	0
C. Cooper, Esq.	William Gray, Esq. ...	...	10	0
Mrs. Corbett	Mrs. Greenhorne ...	...	5	0
John Cory, Esq.	James Hamilton Esq. ...	...	5	0
J. G. Cowan, Esq.	Mrs. P. Hardie ...	...	100	0
Rev. Archibald Craig	Mrs. T. K. Hardie ...	...	100	0
Rev. James Cunningham, M.A.	George T. Henderson, Esq. ...	...	15	0
Sir Donald Currie, K.C.M.G., M.P.	Isaac Henderson, Esq. ...	...	100	0
Rev. W. Dale	William Henderson, Esq. ...	...	100	0
T. A. Denny, Esq.	Thomas Holder, Esq. ...	...	50	0
Thomas Dobson, Esq.	J. B. Hunter, Esq. ...	...	10	0
A. L. Don, Esq.	James Irvine, Esq. ...	...	5	0
D. Duncan, Esq.	James Jackson, Esq. ...	...	10	10
George Duncan Esq.	David Jardine, Esq. ...	...	1,000	0
J. H. Duncan, Esq.	Rev. Alexander Jeffrey ...	...	2	0
Carried forward	Carried forward ...	£6,002	17	0

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	...	50 0 0	7,280 8 0	Brought forward	...	8,977 2 0
Robert Barclay, Esq.	...	50 0 0	100 0 0	Robert Morton, Esq. (2 donations)	...	60 10 0
St. Andrew's Congregation—	...	100 0 0	100 0 0	F. Muir, Esq.	...	5 5 0
James Halliday, Esq.	...	50 0 0	50 0 0	James S. Ness, Esq.	...	10 0 0
Sale Congregation—	...	50 0 0	50 0 0	R. Niven, Esq.	...	25 0 0
J. K. Bythell, Esq.	50 0 0	50 0 0	John Nixon, Esq.	...	100 0 0
Trinity Congregation—	...	50 0 0	90 0 0	“An Office-bearer”	...	1,000 0 0
John C. Edgar, Esq.	...	10 0 0	100 0 0	Edward Paul, Esq.	...	200 0 0
Charles Johnstone, Esq.	...	10 0 0	100 0 0	Henry M. Paul, Esq.	...	5 0 0
Thomas Muirhead, Esq.	...	5 0 0	100 0 0	John Pratt, Esq.	...	1 0 0
Rev. William McCaw, D.D.	...	5 0 0	100 0 0	Samuel Reid, Esq.	...	1 1 0
Alexander Dippie, Esq.	...	5 0 0	100 0 0	“Reynier Trust Fund”	...	100 0 0
H. L. McInnes, Esq.	...	5 0 0	100 0 0	J. Ross, Esq. ...	...	25 0 0
Gilbert Roy, Esq.	5 0 0	100 0 0	John Roxburgh, Esq.	...	100 0 0
Withington Congregation—	...	100 0 0	90 0 0	Thomas Russell, Esq.	...	10 0 0
J. A. Beith, Esq., J.P.	...	27 13 0	100 0 0	“Two Sisters” ...	...	5 0 0
“A Friend”	...	25 0 0	100 0 0	J. G. Smetton, Esq.	...	3 3 0
Peter Dunn, Esq.	...	10 0 0	100 0 0	James Smith, Esq.	...	100 0 0
Alexander Guthrie, Esq.	...	5 0 0	100 0 0	Robert Stark, Esq.	...	5 0 0
K. Cameron, Esq.	...	5 0 0	100 0 0	J. Meliss Stewart, Esq.	...	100 0 0
David Smith, Esq.	5 0 0	100 0 0	Patrick Stewart, Esq.	...	10 0 0
Mrs. Boyd	5 0 0	100 0 0	Robert Stewart, Esq.	...	5 0 0
Dugald Macfie, Esq.	...	5 0 0	100 0 0	Samuel Stitt, Esq.	...	100 0 0
John Boyd, Esq.	...	2 0 0	100 0 0	T. D. Thomson, Esq.	...	10 0 0
Misses Boyd	...	1 0 0	100 0 0	“Union Thanksgiving Fund”	...	1,000 0 0
Robert Walker, Esq.	...	1 1 0	100 0 0	Mrs. Watson	...	10 0 0
Rev. Donald Matheson, M.A.	186 14 0	W. L. Watson, Esq.	...	100 0 0
H. M. Matheson, Esq.	5 0 0	John Webster, Esq.	...	5 0 0
Thomas Matheson, Esq.	1,000 0 0	Westbourne Grove Congregation	...	20 0 0
“In Memoriam”—J. H.	100 0 0	W. Westgarth, Esq.	...	200 0 0
W. Montgomerie, Esq.	5 0 0	James White, Esq.	...	10 0 0
J. R. Montgomery, Esq.	40 0 0	Robert Whyte, Esq.	...	5 0 0
	20 0 0	H. Workman, Esq.	...	5 0 0
	20 0 0	E. Wyld, Esq. ...	...	1,000 0 0
	20 0 0	Jasper Young, Esq.	...	25 0 0
	20 0 0	Robert Young, Esq.	...	20 0 0
Carried forward	8,977 2 0		...	£13,358 1 0

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In account with H. M. MATHESON,

To Balance due to Treasurer from last year	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
„ paid Holders of Scholarships, as under—			...			3	5	5
Hamilton—								
Mr. Edward J. Gilchrist	...	...	...	...	50	0	0	
Duncan—								
Mr. Robert H. Lyall	...	...	...	...	25	0	0	
Robertson—								
Mr. Charles H. Purdy	...	...	...	...	30	0	0	
Anderson—								
Mr. William Thorp	...	...	...	...	30	0	0	
Gillespie—								
Mr. G. Samuel	...	...	...	...	50	0	0	
Muter—								
First year, Mr. Thomas O. Scott	...	£30	0	0				
Second year, Mr. George M. Storrar		30	0	0				
Third year, Mr. William E. Crothers		30	0	0				
					90	0	0	
McKerrow—								
Mr. E. H. E. Franks	...	...	...	...	20	0	0	
Newcastle—								
Mr. James Peddie	...	...	...	...	25	0	0	
Crichton—								
Mr. J. T. Middlemiss	...	£30	0	0				
„ „ on account of this scholarship and in addition to the Munro held by him for the Session 1881-2	...	10	0	0				
					40	0	0	
Ordinary Theological—								
Mr. Alexander McClellan	...	...	...	...	20	0	0	
					380	0	0	
Expenses—								
„ Paid Advertising, as under :—								
In “Outlook”	...	...	...	...	4	6	0	
„ “Presbyterian Messenger”	...	...	...	...	3	3	0	
„ “Edinburgh Daily Review”	...	£1	19	4				
„ “Glasgow Daily Mail”	...	1	9	0				
„ “Liverpool Mercury”	...	1	10	0				
„ “Manchester Guardian”	...	2	10	0				
„ “Newcastle Chronicle”	...	1	7	0				
„ Paid Postages connected with Advertising		0	0	5				
					8	15	9	
Carried forward	...	...	...	...	15	18	9	383 5 5

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Treasurer, 1882-83.

Cr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hamilton and Duncan Scholarships—							
By Interest on £1,450 Oude and Rohilkund Railway 5 per cent.							
Stock, as under :—							
For half-year ended June 30, 1882	£36	5	0				
Less Income Tax at 5 <i>d.</i> per £		0	15	1			
					35	9	11
For half-year ended December 31, 1882	36	5	0				
Less Income Tax at 8 <i>d.</i> per £		1	4	2	35	0	10
						70	10 9
Robertson Scholarship—							
„ Interest on £877 2 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> Indian Government 4 per Cent.							
Stock, as under :—							
For half-year payable April 5, 1882	£17	10	10				
Less Income Tax at 5 <i>d.</i> per £		0	7	3			
					17	3	7
For half-year payable October 5, 1882	17	10	10				
Less Income Tax, at 6½ <i>d.</i> per £		0	9	6			
					17	1	4
						34	4 11
Anderson Scholarship—							
„ Interest on £500 Canadian 5 per Cent. Consolidated Stock,							
as under :—							
For half-year ended June 30, 1882	£12	10	0				
Less Income Tax at 5 <i>d.</i> per £		0	5	3			
					12	4	9
For half-year ended December 31, 1882	12	10	0				
Less Income Tax at 8 <i>d.</i> per £		0	8	4			
					12	1	8
						24	6 5
Gillespie Scholarship—							
„ Interest on £1,000 Canadian 5 per Cent. Consolidated Stock,							
as under :—							
For half-year ended June 30, 1882	£25	0	0				
Less Income Tax at 5 <i>d.</i> per £		0	10	5			
					24	9	7
For half-year ended December 31, 1882	25	0	0				
Less Income Tax at 8 <i>d.</i> per £		0	16	8			
					24	3	4
						48	12 11
Muter Scholarships—							
„ Interest on £2,075 Great Northern Railway 4½ per cent.							
Preference Stock, as under :—							
For half-year payable December 31, 1881	£46	13	9				
Less Income Tax at 5 <i>d.</i> per £		0	19	5			
					45	14	4
For half-year ended June 30, 1882	46	13	9				
Less Income Tax at 5 <i>d.</i> per £		0	19	5			
					45	14	4
						91	8 8
Carried forward	£269	3	8

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Dr.

In account with H. M. MATHESON.

Audited and found correct.

ROBERT A. McLEAN.

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, *February* 26, 1883.

Dr.

For Year ended

Audited and found correct,

1 Queen Victoria Street, London,

February 12, 1883.

ROBT. A. McLEAN.

Chartered Accountant Auditor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Treasurer, 1882-83—continued.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Munro Scholarship—						
Brought forward ...				269	3	8
By Interest on £500 Madras Railway 5 per Cent. Stock, as under:—						
For half-year ended June 30, 1882	£12	10	0			
Less Income Tax at 5 <i>d.</i> per £	0	5	3			
				12	4	9
For half-year ended December 31, 1882	12	10	0			
Less Income Tax at 8 <i>d.</i> per £	0	8	4			
				12	1	8
				24	6	5
McKerrow Scholarship—						
„ Proceeds of chief rent to March 25, 1882	£10	2	0			
Less Income Tax at 5 <i>d.</i> per £	0	4	2			
				9	17	10
„ Proceeds of chief rent to September 29, 1881	10	2	0			
Less Income Tax, at 6½ <i>d.</i> per £	0	5	6			
				9	16	6
				19	14	4
Newcastle Scholarship—						
„ Amount of this Scholarship received per Mr. T. Y. Strachan				25	0	0
Regent Square Scholarship—						
„ Amount of this Scholarship for year 1881-2 received per Mr. J. Boyd				20	0	0
Crichton Scholarship—						
„ Amount received from Mr. W. P. Sinclair				40	0	0
„ Subscription from Mr. H. M. Matheson				10	0	0
				£408	4	5
„ Balance brought down				1	1	1
E. & O. E.						
London, February 19, 1883.				H. M. MATHESON,		
				Treasurer.		

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

DECEMBER 31, 1882.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year				273	16	3
„ Congregational Contributions—						
Presbytery of Berwick	10	19	1			
„ Carlisle	3	5	0			
„ Darlington	1	10	0			
„ Liverpool	20	5	1			
„ London	91	19	7			
„ Manchester	5	17	9			
„ Newcastle	14	2	0			
„ Northumberland	7	4	9			
				155	3	3
„ Sabbath Schools				2	5	0
„ Donation				1	1	0
				£432	5	6
„ Balance brought down				219	7	2
E. & O. E.				JNO. LEGGAT,		
January 1, 1883.				Financial Secretary.		

SYNOD FUND.

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THE SYNOD FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1882.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year ...				4	2	6			
" Travelling Expenses of Members of Synod to Meeting in London, 1882, viz. :—									
Presbytery of Berwick ...	69	12	1						
" Birmingham ...	35	4	2						
" Bristol ...	21	7	2						
" Carlisle ...	64	1	5						
" Darlington ...	72	19	6						
" Liverpool ...	126	8	8						
" London ...	38	9	3						
" Manchester ...	93	15	9						
" Newcastle ...	203	16	7						
" Northumberland ...	80	11	2						
Deputations to United Presbyterian Church	8	6	10				806	5	9
" Free Church of Scotland	2	6	11						
" Federal Council ...	3	0	7						
Honorarium and Allowance to Clerk of Synod									
" Publications Committee, Exchange of Periodicals with United Presbyterian Church ...				44	11	1			
" Printing Reports, Actings, Proceedings, &c. ...				118	19	9			
" Incidental Expenses (including Reporting at Synod) ...				10	17	7			
" Copying Presbytery Minutes ...				19	8	3			
" Proportion of Office Charges ...				172	14	0			
" Travelling Expenses of Members of Committees without Funds ...				109	9	11			
" Expenses of Special Committees—									
Wigan ...			1	15	0				
Soldiers and Sailors ...			2	0	0				
Christian Giving ...			1	11	0				
Temperance ...			5	19	0				
" Printing Book of Order ...							11	5	0
							47	4	6
							£1,449	2	8
Balance brought down ...									
Audited and found correct,							84	11	8
ROBT. A. McLEAN, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.									
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 12, 1883.									

E. & O. E.
January 1, 1883.

JNO. LEGGAT, Financial Secretary.

£1,449 2 8

1,351 7 0
13 4 0
£1,364 11 0
84 11 8

To Balance from 1881	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
" "Shorter Catechism" account—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
To Paper and Printing	...	...	...	53	16	9			
By Sales	20	1	5½						
" Stock in hand	33	13	7½	53	15	0½			
Interest on Loans and Discounts	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	8½
" Postages and Carriage	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	2	9½
" Salaries	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	7	5¼
" Rent	...	...	...	...	...	...	236	11	3
" Office Charges, Stationery, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	0	0
Less Stock in hand	...	...	...	92	0	3¼			
	...	...	...	19	16	1½			
" Balance carried down	...	...	...	...	...	...	72	4	8¼
							14	3	9
£467 12 2½									
By "Messenger" account—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Sales	...	...	...	622	14	3½			
" Advertisements	...	...	...	164	3	4			
" Stock in hand	...	...	...	4	13	4			
Less Paper and Printing	...	...	...	613	13	10	791	10	11½
" Editing	...	...	...	50	6	0	663	19	10
" "Children's Messenger" account—							127	11	1½
By Sales	...	...	...	489	15	9½			
" Advertisements	...	...	...	32	11	10			
" Stock in hand	...	...	...	44	4	11½			
Less Paper, Printing, Binding, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	566	12	7
" Trading account—							419	2	7
By Sales and Commissions	...	...	...	1,783	18	3¾			
" Stock in hand	...	...	...	322	7	2½			
Less Purchases	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,106	5	6¼
				...	...	...	1,913	14	5½
							192	11	0½
£467 12 2½									
" Balance brought down	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
							14	3	9

Dr. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.—BALANCE SHEET. Cr.

DECEMBER 30 1882

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Loan from Bankers	...	200 0 0	By Stock " Messenger "	...	4 13 4
" Accounts due by the Committee	...	834 2 9½	" " Children's Messenger "	...	44 4 11½
" Capital Account	...	179 17 6	Books, &c.	...	322 7 2½
" Balance of Profit and Loss	...	14 3 9	" Shorter Catechism "	...	33 13 7½
			Office Stationery	...	19 16 1½
			" Office Furniture	...	424 15 3
			" Accounts due to the Committee	...	30 0 0
			" Cash	...	735 19 4½
				...	37 9 5½
					£1,228 4 0½

Certified to be in accordance with the Books and Vouchers,
ROBT. A. MCLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor*,
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., March 19, 1883.

HENRY ROBSON, *Treasurer*.

BROWN, *Joint Treasurers, in account with*
 GIVING FUND.

Cr.

	Right reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	DESIGNATED				Total.]
			Synod Schemes.		Local Purposes.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
By Payments on account of Grants							
by Synod to College Fund...	...	1000 0 0	...	...	...	...
„ Church Building Fund	1000 0 0	...	...	...	200 0 0	
„ Payment on account of Grants							
by Committee for Liquidation of Debt on Churches	...	2850 0 0	...	...	...	2850 0 0
„ Amounts received in previous year from London and Newcastle, specially designated, credited General Account in error for—							
Regent Square Church	5 0 0	...	...	...	...
Church Extension	4 0 0	...	...	...	...
Theological Education	2 0 0	...	...	...	...
Foreign Missions	0 10 0	...	...	...	11 10 0	
„ Amounts specially designated for Church Extension	1 0 0	...	...	...
„ „ Crichton Scholarship	600 0 0	...	...	601 0 0	
„ Interest on „	25 16 0	...	...	...	25 16 0	
„ Amounts specially designated for Ancoats Manse Fund	25 0 0	...	25 0 0	
„ Amounts disbursed by Presbyteries—							
Berwick	
Birmingham	346 7 3	...	346 7 3	
Bristol	
Carlisle	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	
Darlington	1111 11 7	...	1111 11 7	
Liverpool	4888 7 0	...	4888 7 0	
London	100 0 0	1614 6 0	...	1714 6 0	
Manchester	5851 12 10	...	5851 12 10	
Newcastle	1054 15 6	...	1054 15 6	
Northumberland	
„ Charges—	...	4887 6 0	701 0 0	14893 0 2	...	20481 6 2	
Ranken & Co.'s account for advertising in Weekly Review, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881	136 0 6	...	...	...	...
Salaries, Printing, Postages, &c.	82 18 11	...	...	...	218 19 5	
„ Balances in hand ...	500 0 0	551 12 6	...	...	...	1051 12 6
£	500 0 0	5657 17 11	701 0 0	14893 0 2	...	21751 18 1	

Audited and found correct,

THOMAS MOFFAT.
 WM. S. CAIRNS.

THOMAS HOLDER and ALEXANDER BROWN in account with THE LIQUIDATION

Dr.

OF DEBT FUND.

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1882.		1882.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance in hand, March 6, 1882	627 14 1	By Grant to —	...
" Grant from General Fund	2,850 0 0	Park Road Church, Liverpool	300 0 0
" Interest allowed by Bank...	15 4 2	Middlesbrough ...	300 0 0
		Camp Hill, Birmingham ...	50 0 0
		Blyth ...	200 0 0
		East India Dock Road Church, London	300 0 0
		St. George's, Stockton-on-Tees	67 0 0
		Mount Pleasant, Tudhoe ...	100 0 0
		Queen's Road, Liverpool ...	40 0 0
		St. Paul's, South Shields ...	94 0 0
		Trinity, Whitby ...	150 0 0
		St. Stephen's, Leicester ...	400 0 0
		Preston ...	200 0 0
		St. John's, South Shields ...	52 0 0
		Balance in hand	2,253 0 0
			1,239 18 3
£3,492 18 3		£3,492 18 3	

Balance in hand brought down

Audited and found correct,

THOMAS HOLDER } Joint Treasurers.
ALEXANDER BROWN, }

THOMAS MOFFAT.
WM. S. CAIRNS.

E. & O. E.
Liverpool, March 8, 1883.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FOR SYNODICAL FUNDS.

	1882.		1881.		1880.		1879.		1878.		1877.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Sustentation Fund:—												
Aid from Congregations, and Donations	6,137	12 1	6,025	14 10	6,177	14 2	5,510	1 0	5,364	2 0	4,628	11 5
Scottish Subsidy	—	—	142	6 5	546	17 9	762	19 2	500	0 0	—	—
Reserve Fund	—	—	—	—	100	0 0	400	0 0	2,000	0 0	—	—
Mutual Interest	727	8 2	222	1 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	6,865	0 3	6,390	2 5	6,824	11 11	6,673	0 2	7,864	2 0	4,628	11 5
Home Mission	1,960	8 11	2,042	13 1	2,136	15 10	1,970	10 9	2,493	12 6	8,175	13 3
Church Building and Aid and Loan Funds	210	8 6	379	15 8	261	15 7	208	0 5	512	16 4	736	3 3
Foreign Missions	16,662	7 10	13,013	2 2	13,240	5 7	10,400	0 8	9,502	0 5	12,496	16 8
Jewish Mission	900	15 3	803	12 10	838	0 10	454	18 9	793	11 1	1,087	18 7
Continental Missions	613	5 8	944	1 4	310	11 10	295	9 11	274	0 4	229	8 10
Aged and Infirm Ministers	361	3 11	303	0 8	283	15 2	215	3 5	277	14 2	608	15 7
Widows and Orphans	3,967	12 8	2,605	3 9	2,849	8 1	2,020	17 9	2,397	15 9	1,889	6 4
College	12,865	15 5	5,833	17 3	3,033	1 6	2,216	8 6	2,653	14 2	15,080	5 10
Scholarships	408	4 5	362	8 8	458	10 11	391	6 3	472	12 1	961	18 0
Synod Schools	158	9 3	154	19 5	180	8 5	231	16 0	204	4 10	192	3 2
Synod Fund	1,364	11 0	1,266	19 11	1,201	16 8	1,294	10 0	991	16 6	966	2 4
Union Thanksgiving Fund	4,118	16 4	1,384	12 0	3,302	15 6	2,701	7 1	2,529	1 1	10,135	8 11
Publications	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	102	12 10	—	—
	£50,396	19 5	35,489	9 2	34,921	17 10	29,073	9 8	31,069	14 1	57,218	12 2

N.B.—The receipts for 1879 (excepting the Sustentation, Scholarships, and Union Thanksgiving Funds) represent only 9½ months. The Jewish Mission amount for 1879 does not cover the period in which the collection is taken. The figures for 1878 are corrected in some particulars from those given in the Blue Book for that year.

OVERTURES, &c.

OVERTURES AND OTHER PAPERS TRANSMITTED BY PRESBYTERIES.

I. ON THE HEBREW CHAIR.

(1) *From Presbytery of Berwick.*

At Berwick-on-Tweed, the third day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, at which time and place the Presbytery of Berwick being met, and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

On the motion of the Rev. Mr. Alexander, M.A., the Presbytery agreed that the following Overture previously given notice of by Rev. Mr. Smith, be transmitted to the Synod, viz.:—

‘Whereas it is desirable that the study of Hebrew should be conducted in our College as efficiently as possible.

‘And whereas the state of the College funds now admits of a Hebrew chair being founded, it is humbly overtured, by the Presbytery of Berwick, to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England appointed to meet in London, on thirtieth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, that it proceed to found such a chair, and that it appoint to said chair the Rev. W. G. Elmslie, M.A., at present permanent tutor.’

Rev. Mr. Scott seconded the motion.

The Presbytery agreed to adopt and transmit the overture. Revs. Messrs. Smith, Scott, and Alexander to support the overture in the Synod.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Berwick Presbytery.

ANDREW CANT, *Pres. Clerk.*

(2) *From Presbytery of Birmingham.*

At Wolverhampton, the third day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, which time and place the Presbytery of Birmingham being met and duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

Mr. Thorburn moved the following Overture, which was adopted by the Presbytery:—

‘Whereas it is highly expedient to fill up the vacant Hebrew Chair at the earliest possible moment, and whereas the instructions given by the Synod of 1882 for the early completion of the College Endowment Fund with a view to the accomplishment of that end have been so far carried out that a sum of £13,500 has been received, it is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Birmingham to the Synod indicted to meet at Regent Square, London, on the thirtieth day of

April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, to make the appointment in question.'

Mr. Thorburn and Mr. Robertson were appointed to support the Overture.

The Presbytery also agreed to recommend the Hebrew Tutor, the Rev. W. G. Elmslie, for appointment as Professor, in case the Synod should see fit to proceed with the appointment.

Extracted from the Minutes.

A. M. DALRYMPLE, *Pres. Clerk*

(3) *From Presbytery of Carlisle.*

At Carlisle, and within Fisher Street Church, the third day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, which time and place the Presbytery of Carlisle being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

The Presbytery unanimously agreed to recommend to the Synod that the Rev. W. Gray Elmslie, at present permanent Hebrew Tutor in the College, be appointed Professor of that language at its next meeting.

Extracted from the Records of Presbytery.

JAMES CHRISTIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

(4) *From Presbytery of Darlington.*

At Darlington, the third day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, which time and place the Presbytery of Darlington being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

In accordance with notice given at last meeting the Rev. J. Bogue moved the adoption of the following Overture:—

'Whereas it is expedient, and appears to be now practicable, to make a permanent appointment to the Hebrew Chair in our College;

'And whereas the present Tutor is singularly qualified to occupy the Chair, and discharge the duties pertaining thereto:

'It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Darlington to the Rev. the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet in London on the thirtieth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, to loose the Rev. W. G. Elmslie, M.A., from his charge at Willesden, and appoint him Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis.'

The motion was seconded by the Rev. T. Howell, and unanimously agreed to.

The Revs. J. Bogue and T. Howell were appointed to support the Overture before the Synod.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Darlington Presbytery by

JOHN BOGUE, *Pres. Clerk.*

(5) *From Presbytery of Liverpool.*

At Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, Liverpool, the ninth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, the which day and place the Presbytery of Liverpool met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

On the motion of Rev. John Watson, seconded by Rev. George Johnstone, it was agreed—

'That the Presbytery recommend to the Synod the name of Rev. W. G. Elmslie, M.A., Minister of Willesden, London, for the Hebrew Chair in the College, in the event of an appointment being made this year.'

The mover and seconder were appointed to support the same at the bar of the Synod.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Liverpool by

GEORGE JOHNSTONE, *Pres. Clerk.*

(6) *From Presbytery of London.*

The College, Queen Square House, the tenth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

Resolved—

‘That, in the event of the Synod, at its next meeting, proceeding to fill up the Chair of Hebrew in the College, this Presbytery recommend the appointment of the Rev. W. G. Elmslie, M.A., Minister at Willesden.’

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

(7) *From Presbytery of Newcastle.*

At Newcastle, the sixth day of February, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, which time and place the Presbytery of Newcastle being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

The following Overture was submitted by Rev. W. A. Walton, and cordially adopted:—

‘Whereas it is in the interests of Theological education in our Church that the Hebrew Tutorship be replaced by a full professorship;

‘Whereas the endowments of our College now admit of this change being made; and

‘Whereas the present Hebrew Tutor, Rev. W. Gray Elmslie, M.A., is singularly qualified to discharge the duties of such a chair:

‘The Presbytery of Newcastle humbly overtures the Synod to loose Mr. Elmslie from his charge at Willesden, and appoint him Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis at its next meeting.’

Revs. W. A. Walton and J. Mackenzie were appointed to support it before the Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Newcastle by

JAMES MACKENZIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

(8) *From Presbytery of Northumberland.*

At Morpeth, the third day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, which time and place the Presbytery of Northumberland being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

The Rev. W. Limont moved that the following Overture be transmitted to the Synod:—

‘Whereas instruction in Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis is of primary importance in the education of Theological students;

‘Whereas the elevation of the Rev. W. Gray Elmslie, M.A., the present Tutor, to the position of Professor will contribute to increased efficiency in such instruction;

‘Whereas a most gratifying amount of success has attended the efforts to obtain the requisite endowment of the Chair:

‘It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Northumberland to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet on the thirtieth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, to raise Mr. Elmslie to the position of Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis.’

This motion was seconded by the Rev. W. Addison, and unanimously agreed to; and Messrs. Limont and Addison were appointed to support it at the meeting of Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Northumberland Presbytery by

WILLIAM ROGERSON, *Pres. Clerk.*

II. ON THE CONFESSION OF FAITH.

(1) *From Presbytery of Birmingham.*

At Birmingham, the seventeenth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, which time and place the Presbytery of Birmingham being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

The following Overture, proposed by Dr. Simpson and seconded by the Rev. J. N. Wallace, was adopted by the Presbytery :

‘Whereas the Westminster Confession of Faith, while held in high and deserved honour in this Church, as setting forth the system of doctrine which this Church with unabated firmness teaches and maintains, is found to be no longer so well suited in form and expression as it was in former times to the actual conditions and wants of the Church :

‘It is hereby humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Birmingham to the Synod indicted to meet on the thirtieth of the present month, to take the relation of the Church to this subordinate standard into careful consideration, with a view to such prudent and timely action as to its wisdom may seem meet.’

Dr. Simpson and Mr. Wallace were appointed to support the Overture in the Synod. Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Birmingham by

A. M. DALRYMPLE, *Pres. Clerk.*

(2) *From Presbytery of Liverpool.*

At Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, Liverpool, the ninth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, the which day and place the Presbytery of Liverpool met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

On the motion of the Clerk, seconded by Rev. James Brown, the Presbytery agreed to transmit the following Overture to the Synod :—

‘Whereas one main function of a Confession of Faith is to set forth the sense in which a Church understands the teaching of Holy Scripture, and to form a basis of Church membership ;

‘Whereas it is the duty of the Church to inquire from time to time whether the Confession of Faith continues to answer this end ;

‘Whereas the Westminster Confession, which is the Confession of this and other Presbyterian Churches, fails in the opinion of many to answer this end so fully as formerly :

‘It is humbly overtured by the Rev. the Presbytery of Liverpool to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England to take these premisses into consideration, and appoint a committee with instructions to enter into communication with the other Presbyterian Churches in this matter, in the hope that in concert with them a shorter and fuller statement of Biblical teaching on those doctrines which are held to be of chief importance, and find universal acceptance in Presbyterian Churches, may be drawn up on the main lines of the Westminster Confession, more suited to the wants of the Church of our time.’

Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Liverpool by

GEORGE JOHNSTONE, *Pres. Clerk.*

(3) *From Presbytery of London.*

The College, Queen Square House, the tenth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was constituted.

Inter alia,—

Resolved, that the following Overture be transmitted to the Synod, viz. :—

‘Whereas the Westminster Confession of Faith, while held in high and deserved

honour in this Church, as setting forth that system of doctrine which this Church with unabated firmness teaches and maintains, is found to be no longer so well suited in form and expression as it was in former times to the actual condition and wants of the Church :

‘It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of London to the Synod indicted to meet on the thirtieth of the present month, to take the relation of the Church to this subordinate standard into careful consideration, with a view to such prudent and timely action as to its wisdom may seem meet.’

Further resolved :—

‘That the Rev. Dr. Fraser and the Rev. Principal Chalmers be appointed to appear before the Synod in support of the aforesaid Overture.’

III. ON COMMON ORDER OF BAPTISMAL, MARRIAGE, AND BURIAL SERVICES.

From Presbytery of Newcastle.

At Newcastle, the sixth day of March, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, which time and place the Presbytery of Newcastle being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

Rev. A. L. Henderson submitted the following Overture, of which he had notice :—

‘Whereas it has not been contrary to the custom of the Presbyterian Church to employ a Common Order of Service where such has been deemed expedient ;

‘Whereas it is humbly submitted that such a Common Order would be expedient for the Baptismal, Marriage, and Burial Services of this Church :

‘It is therefore humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Newcastle to the Very Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England to take these premisses into consideration, and resolve as it may see best for the interests of the Church.’

Rev. R. Leitch seconded its adoption. The Clerk moved, and Rev. J. Thompson seconded, that the Overture be not adopted. On the vote being taken, nine voted for the amendment and ten for the motion. The adoption of the Overture was therefore declared to be carried. From this finding the Revs. J. Thompson and J. Mackenzie dissented.

Revs. A. L. Henderson and R. Leitch were appointed to support the Overture before the Synod.

■ Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Newcastle by

JAMES MACKENZIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

IV. ON PARITY OF PRESBYTERS.

From Presbytery of Darlington.

At Darlington, the fifth day of December, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-two years, which time and place the Presbytery of Darlington being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

Dr. Mackay submitted the Overture of which he had given notice, and which was in the following terms :—

‘Whereas the Presbyterian form of Church government is professedly founded on and agreeable to the Word of God, it should therefore in its order and polity, and in the entire framework of its constitution, exhibit the impress of Divine sanction ;

‘And whereas it is demonstrable that, according to the existing usage of Presbyterian Churches in general and of our own in particular, the parity of Presbyters is disallowed in practice :

‘It is hereby overtured to the Very Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian

Church of England, indicted to meet in London on the thirtieth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, to take the premisses into consideration, and to remit the Book of Order to the Committee on Law and Historical Documents, with instructions so to change it that the parity of Presbyters may be shown; and, in particular, that it may be so framed that any member of a Church Court may be chosen Moderator of such Court.'

Dr. Mackay moved and Mr. R. Hedley seconded the adoption and transmission of the Overture.

Mr. MacPhee moved and Mr. Bogue seconded that the Synod be overtured to enact that the *representative* elder have, in all Courts to which he is sent in his representative capacity, the same status and the same eligibility as a ministerial member.

It was further moved by Mr. Friskin, and seconded by Mr. Whyte, that, in view of the recent discussion and decision by the Synod, it is inexpedient to adopt either of the Overtures.

On the vote being taken, there was found to be a clear majority in favour of Dr. Mackay's Overture, which accordingly it was agreed to adopt and transmit, and Dr. Mackay and Mr. Hedley were appointed to support it before the Synod.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Darlington by

JOHN BOGUE, *Pres. Clerk.*

V. ON SPIRITUAL INDEPENDENCE.

From Rev. John Thompson, M.A.

At Newcastle, the third day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, at which time and place the Presbytery of Newcastle being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

It was agreed on request to transmit the following Overture to the Synod in the name of Rev. John Thompson:—

'Whereas the two portions of this happily united Church, previous to the union of 1876, have distinctly expressed their faith in the spiritual independence of Christ's kingdom;

'And whereas this Church is in close federal relationship with Churches in the north, who are seeking religious equality for all denominations of Christians:

'The Synod indicted to meet in London on the thirtieth of April next is hereby overtured to express its adherence to the Bible doctrine of spiritual independence, and its sympathy with Churches who are contending for religious liberty throughout our country.'

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Newcastle by

JAMES MACKENZIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

VI. RULES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF HOME MISSION FUND.

From Presbytery of Manchester.

At Manchester, and within the Ancoats Presbyterian Church, the twelfth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, which time and place the Presbytery of Manchester being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

The Rev. Benjamin Bell, agreeably to notice previously given, moved the transmission of the following Overture to the Synod:—

'Whereas under the present Rules for the Administration of the Home Mission Fund, provision is made for assisting Congregations in Evangelistic work in a variety of circumstances;

'And whereas there are some regular Congregations occupying districts where

there is an increasing field for purely Evangelistic work, and busily carrying on such work, for whose assistance in the same no provision is made:

It is humbly overtured to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet in London on the thirtieth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, by the Presbytery of Manchester, to take the premisses into its consideration, and make such alterations in the above-named rules as will enable the Home Mission Committee, on the recommendation of the Presbyteries within whose bounds the aforesaid Congregations are situated, to make such grants as may be necessary to keep effective Evangelistic agencies, in connection with these Congregations, in active operation.'

The motion was seconded by the Rev. R. S. Coffey, and unanimously agreed to; and the Rev. Messrs. Selater and Bell, along with Mr. Alexander Forrest, were appointed to support the Overture before the Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Manchester by

JOHN GORDON, *Pres. Clerk.*

VII. ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

From Presbytery of Liverpool.

Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, Liverpool, the twenty-second day of February, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, the which day and place the Presbytery of Liverpool met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The Presbytery went into Conference on the matter of Church Extension, when, after lengthened deliberation, it was moved by Mr. Stitt, seconded by Rev. J. Watson, and agreed to as follows:—

'This Conference, while realising the obligation of extending the Church as favourable circumstances present themselves and as necessity requires, is of opinion that any scheme which may be formed should be such as to develope local interests and management.'

The Presbytery, on the motion of Rev. James Muir, seconded by Rev. Dr. Howat, also resolved:—

'That as the subject is of importance to the whole Church, this Conference memorialise the Synod to set apart one of its sederunts or as much of it as may be needful at the approaching meeting in London to consider the whole matter of Church extension.'

Rev. J. Muir, Rev. J. Watson, and Mr. S. Stitt were appointed to support the same before the Synod.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Liverpool by

GEORGE JOHNSTONE, *Pres. Clerk.*

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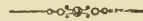
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At Liverpool, and within Mount Pleasant Monday,
April 28th.
Church, on Monday, the 28th day
of April, 1884, at Half-past Six
o'clock p.m.

Which time and place the Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of England, and Ruling Elders, Commissioners to the Synod of said Church, appointed to be held at Liverpool this day, convened; and Public Worship was conducted by the Rev. JOHN EDMOND, D.D., Minister at Highbury, London, and Moderator of last Synod, who preached from Matthew xiii. 52 :—‘Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.’

Thereafter, and the services of the sanctuary having been concluded, the Synod was constituted with prayer, by Dr. EDMOND : and the names of the Ministers and Elders on the Clerk’s Roll were laid on the table, as follow :—

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<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
*Rev. William Chalmers, D.D.		
Principal, and Professor		
of Theology		
William Graham, D.D.,		
Professor of Church		
History and Pastoral		
Theology		
W. Gray Emslie, M.A.,		
Professor of Hebrew		
and Old Testament		
Exegesis		
John Gibb, Professor of		
New Testament Exe-		
gesis and Biblical		
Criticism		
Theodore J. Meyer, Mis-		
sionary to Jews in		
London		
John Black, Gen. Sec.		
William J. B. Roome	Mr. John P. Marsh	<i>Alderney</i>
Thomas Curry	John Bell	Aldershot
* Martin Lewis, B.A.	* Francis Johnston	Aston Tyrol
William Fraser, M.A.	* Allan Mackay	Bournemouth
Alex. Hamilton, D.D.	Andrew Callender	Brighton, Queen's Road
		" Trinity
W. Harvey Jellie	* James Goodman	<i>Cambridge</i>
		Canterbury

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—*Continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. Andrew Lees	Mr. Robert T. Turnbull	Chatham
Robert Hanna, B.A.	* William Jenner	Croydon
Alexander Smith	Henry Ronald	Darenth
H. Carruthers Wilson, M.A.	Frederick Steains	Eastbourne
William E. Shaw, M.A.	John Edgar	Edenbridge
Robert Balgarnie	Charles Palmer	Gravesend
Henry Millican	Rev. John Kelly	Guernsey
* Ralph Haddon	Mr. James Richardson	Highfields, Withyham
James Maltman, M.A.	Col. Sir G. Brooke-Pechell, Bart.	Holybourne
Alexander Jeffrey	Mr. W. P. Sinclair	Ipswich
W. Millar Nicolson, M.A., D.Sc.	William Le Quesne	Jersey
James Ferguson	Wm. Carruthers, F.R.S.	Lewes
* Adolph Saphir, D.D.	Thomas Matheson	London, Belgrave
* David Alexander	Thomas Bell	" Bermondsey
James M. Erskine	Robert Bell	" Blackheath
Hugh McIntosh, M.A.	Robert Wales	" Bow
* J. Reid Howatt	Thomas Laurie	" Brockley
R. M. Thornton, B.A.	D. W. Thompson	" Camberwell
* George Wilson, B.A.	Rev. James Craig, D.D.	" Camden Road
* David MacEwan, D.D.	Mr. William Tulloch	" Canonbury
* Matthew Davison	* James E. Russell	" Clapham Road
Arthur C. Murphy, M.A., D.Lit.	* William Rankine	" Clapton
Gavin Carlyle, M.A.	* John Miller	" Crouch Hill
* William H. Edmonds	Alexander Armour	" Ealing
William Martin, M.A.	David Gibb	" East India Road
George Elder, M.A.	George Taylor	" East Moulsey
* Henry Miller	Major-Gen. G. G. Anderson	" Forest Hill
John Matheson, M.A.	Mr. John Weir	" Greenwich
John Edmond, D.D.	James S. Balmer	" Hammersmith
* J. Thain Davidson, D.D.	Robert Moore	" Hampstead
Charles Moinet, M.A.	* John Lamont	" Highbury
Charles J. Whitmore	John A. Swanston	" Islington
Thomas Anderson	Hugh M. Matheson	" Kensington
* Donald Fraser, D.D.	John Y. Henderson	" Kentish Town
* Thomas J. Dixon	W. A. Boulnois	" Kingston-on- Thames
William Dale	George Duncan	" Marylebone
* Hugh S. Paterson, M.D.	T. W. Thacker	" Milwall
Donald Matheson, M.A.	James U. Turner	" New Barnet
J. Oswald Dykes, D.D.	William Brown	" Notting Hill
John Mauchlen	John N. Boyd	" Oxendon
John Monro Gibson, D.D.	Rev. T. W. Brown	" Putney
Francis Slade	Mr. John Hume	" Regent Square
Z. B. Woffendale	John Leggat	" Richmond
* Verner M. White, LL.D.	Henry J. Ormandy	" St. John's Wood
Alexander Stirling	John Johnstone	" Silvertown
A. Crichton Alexander	John Buchan	" Somers Town
George Wilson, M.A.	James Lawrie	" South Kensington
James Beattie	* Charles Kynoch	" Southwark
W. Anderson, D.D.	* Gainsford Bruce	" Stepney
David Fotheringham	Lewis Stewart	" Stoke Newington
* Robert Taylor	W. Richard Harrison	" Stratford
William Harris	Rev. W. Wright, D.D.	" Streatham
	Mr. John P. Rodger	" Tooting
		" Tottenham
		" Upper Norwood
		" Victoria Docks

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—*Continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. Jas. Cunningham, M.A. Walter Morison, D.D.	Mr. James Taylor Walter Pope Thomas Bell	London, Wandsworth " Westbourne Grove " Whitefield " Willesden " " College Park " Wimbledon " Wood Green " Woolwich, New Road " Woolwich, St. Andrew's
* James Durran, M.A.		Norwich Portsmouth Rangoon Reading St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Silverhill " Warrior Sq.
William Ballantyne, } Emeritus, Clerk Duncan Macrae }	George Mansfield	Singapore
* William M. Thomson, Emeritus }	* James Blest	Southampton, St. Andrew's
* William Raitt, Ph.D. }		" Totton
* James A. Rentoul, B.A., LL.D.	T. Muir Grant Robert Whyte	" Woolston
William A. McAllan		Wallington
* William Kidd	* William Draper	
Wm. Armstrong, M.A.	A. P. Watt	
J. Jeffrey Johnstone		
* Alex. S. McPhee, M.A., B.D.	* James Bruce	
Robert Vint, M.A., B.D.	* Dr. G. H. Aldridge	
* John Johnstone	Mr. William Jurd	
Wesley A. Rodger	Rev. Alexander M. Halket	
James Stuart, M.A.		

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. Arthur McArthur A. B. Grosart, LL.D. Thomas B. Johnstone Robert S. Coffey Robert W. Roberts Duncan Sillars William A. S. Croall Walter Duncan, M.A. Wm. T. Johnston, B.A. W. Rigby Murray John Schlater Wm. D. Fairbairn, M.A.	Mr. Thomas P. Lourie James Watson James Hodgkinson Henry Gaskarth Charles H. Johnson Hugh McClare J. H. Ferguson Alexander Forrest Thomas Hamilton Thomas Hall George Williamson T. R. Drynan W. T. Hislop John Fulton Henry Stanton John Muir Adam Hogg Gavin Anderson William Haining	Blackburn, Mount St. " St. George's Bolton Bradford Crewe Leeds, Cavendish Road " St. Columba Manchester, Ancoats " Bowdon " Brunswick St. " Coupland St. " Eccles " Grosvenor Sq. " Higher Broughton " Longsight " Pendleton " Sale " Salford " St. Andrew's
William Young, B.A. Alex. Bannatyne, M.A. John Robertson, M.A. J. Thoburn McGaw, M.A. John Reid, M.A. James Lees William McCaw, D.D., <i>Synod Clerk</i>	Hugh L. McInnes James Halliday * Peter Dunn, jun.	" Trinity " Whalley Range " Withington
Benjamin Bell, B.D.		<i>Oldham</i>
Samuel Macnaughton, M.A. William H. Elliot * James Cleland, Emeritus	John Frame * William Stark John A. Beith Robert Coutts	Preston Ramsbottom Risley Rochdale

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.—*Continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. James Breakey	Mr. Albert R. Gill	Sheffield
Jas. Warnock, M.A., B.D.	* John McDowell	Tunley
Jno. Gordon, M.A. <i>Clerk</i>	James McAlpine	Warrington
Enoch Franks	William Anderson	Wharton
		Wigan

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
*Rev. John Morris, <i>Emeritus</i>	*Mr. Berham Armstrong	Bellingham
* William W. Ney	George Bell, jun.	Blackhill
* Alexander Baillie	John McDonald	Blyth, Bridge Street
James Craig	* Jacob Keenlyside	" Waterloo Road
Alexander Ewing	John Lockerbie	Durham
Alexander L. Henderson		
M. Gardiner Campbell,	George B. Bruce	Falstone
M.A.		Gateshead, Durham Road
* Robert Stewart, M.A.	Thomas Watkins	" Ellison Street
John T. Lloyd	William T. Davison	Gosforth
John Reid, jun., M.A.	Andrew Brewis	Hebburn
Alexander Lobban	John Balden	Hexham
* John M. Wilson	* David Balfour	Houghton-le-Spring
* James Milligan	John Clark	Jarrow, Ellison Street
* John C. Weir	William Sutton	" St. Kilda's
William Profeit, M.A.	Alexander Purvis	Killingworth
	Thomas Hepburn	Newcastle, Barras Bridge
* George Bell	Robert Collie	" Blackett Street
* Jno. B. Hastings, M.A. }	Alexander Morrison	" Erskine
Richard Leitch	William Jobson	" Heaton
Robert Brown	John Macfarlane	" John Knox
James Carswell, M.A.	Thomas Wanless	" St. George's
Alex. Phimister, M.A.	John Nesbit	" Trinity
James G. Potter	Alexander M. Thompson	" Westmoreland
John B. Meharry, B.A.		Road
John Thompson, M.A.		North Shields, Howard St.
David Tasker	Thomas Holder	" Northumber-
William T. Bankhead,	Thomas Younger	land Square
M.A.		Seaham
* John King, M.A.	* Robert Bryden	Seaton Burn
Thomas Robinson	Walter Morrison	Seaton Delaval
John Brown	* Robert Anderson, M.D.	South Shields, Laygate
* Sylvester M. McClelland	Jas. C. Stevenson, M.P.	" Mile End Rd.
* William Steele, M.A.	* William Blain	" St. John's
James Mackenzie, <i>Clerk</i>	Septimus Oliver	" St. Paul's
* J. G. Walton, M.A., B.D.	Walter Scott	Stamfordham
		Sunderland, N. Bridge St.
J. Robertson Howat,	John Angus	
M.A., B.D.		
* W. Ainslie Walton,	Joseph Service	" St. George's
M.A., B.D.		
William Dryburgh,	James Phorson	" St. Stephen's
M.A., B.D.		
* John Parker, <i>Emeri-</i>	John Porteous	" Smyrna
<i>tus</i>		
John W. Ellison, M.A. }		
James S. Rae	G. C. Heslop	" Trinity
William Fairweather	* Charles Bell	Swalwell
* Gustavus J. Goodman	Thomas Crawford	Walker
* Wm. Stuart, M.A., B.D.	Thomas Forrest	Wallsend
Adam T. Landreth		Wark
James Craig	George A. Allan	Willington Quay

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. William Limont	Mr. Luke Scott	Alnwick, Clayport Street
David Donaldson	Robert Amos	„ Lisburn Street
Robert McNair	John Bolam	„ St. James's
Alexander Forsyth	Duncan McKechnie	Bavington
* Thomas Newlands	* William Melles	Bedlington
* James Blythe, M.A.	George Waddell	Birdhopecraig
* William S. Spence	Rev. W. Kennedy Moore, D.D.	Branton
James Lemon	Mr. William H. Flett	Embleton
* Robert H. Davidson	James Dryden	Felton
* John Scott		Glantton
* William R. Barrie	Rev. W. Braid	Harbottle
A. H. Drysdale, M.A.	Mr. W. S. Wilkinson	Longframlington
	* James Irvine	Morpeth
* Allan Wilson	* Mark Aynstey	Newbiggin
George Henderson	* James Ewing	North Middleton
* Robert P. Douglas	Thomas H. Robson	North Sunderland
* David S. Fergus, M.A.		Otterburn
William Addison	James R. Robertson	Thropton
Wm. Rogerson, <i>Clerk</i>	Alexander Stewart	Warenford
Matthew Edwards, M.A.	* Dr. Leone Levi	Warkworth
* James L. Muirhead	Mr. Mark Easton	Widdrington
Alexander McClellan		Wooler, Cheviot Street
* James McLeish	James Heatley	„ Tower Hill
* James A. Huie	* Robert Morton	„ West Chapel

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS FROM THE UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

* Rev. Robert S. Scott, D.D., <i>Moderator</i>	Rev. A. G. Train, Buckhaven
* John Ker, D.D.	A. R. McEwan, B.D., Moffat, <i>Ministers</i>
Alexander Oliver, B.A., Glasgow	Mr. George Younger, Glasgow
P. C. Duncanson, Hamilton	* William Robson, S.S.C., Edinburgh
Robert Alexander, Dunfermline	* Robert Miller, Glasgow
David Webster, Orkney	William Anderson, Edinburgh, <i>Elders</i>

Note A.—The Places in *italics* in the preceding Roll are Preaching Stations.

Note B.—Members whose names have an asterisk (*) prefixed, not having given in Attendance Cards, there is no record of their having been present at the Synod.

Moderator
appointed.

The Rev. Dr. Edmond reported that the Board of Nomination have nominated the Rev. Robert H. Lundie, A.M., Minister at Fairfield, Liverpool, to be the Moderator of this Synod. The Synod cordially confirmed the nomination; and Mr. Lundie, by desire of the House, took the Chair, and delivered a suitable address.

Standing
Orders.

The Standing Orders of the last Synod were adopted, and were held as read.

The Queen.

The attention of the Synod was called to the sad bereavement that has recently befallen Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, Her Royal High-

ness the Duchess of Albany, and the other Members of the Royal Family, in the unexpected death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany; and the Synod resolved to appoint a Committee to prepare a letter of respectful sympathy and condolence with the bereaved mourners, to be presented to the Queen: the Committee to consist of the Moderator, the ex-Moderator, and Mr. Hugh M. Matheson; the Ex-Moderator, *Con-
vener*.

The Synod called for the Report of the Ministerial Changes that have taken place during the past Synodical year, which Report was given in by the Clerk. Ministerial
Changes.

The Synod receive the Report, and order that it be preserved along with the other Reports submitted to the House.

The thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Rev. Dr. Edmond, for his conduct in the Chair at the last meeting of the Synod, and for the sermon this evening delivered. Thanks.

The Synod appointed the following Committees:—

Committees.

I.—Committee on Bills and Business.

Nominated by Presbyteries.—*Ministers*—Revs. John Smith, J. W. Rodger, A. F. Forrest, Edward Joyce, T. Howell, T. Dods, Dr. MacEwan, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. White, J. Bodel, J. M. Mackenzie, John Robertson, John Gordon, John Thompson, James Mackenzie, and G. Henderson. *Elders*—Messrs. William Baldwin, Charles Kynoch, John Bell, Robert Wales, T. Hepburn, and W. S. Wilkinson.

Nominated by Synod.—*Ministers*—Revs. Thomas Macpherson, William Fraser, John Matheson, Dr. Edmond, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Dykes, Professor Elmslie, J. T. McGaw, John Reid, Sen., John B. McHarry, the General Secretary, and the Synod Clerk. *Elders*—Messrs. James Robertson, Samuel Stitt, R. T. Turnbull, Hugh M. Matheson, James C. Stevenson, George Duncan, Gainsford Bruce, John A. Beith, George B. Bruce, Dr. Leone Levi, and James Halliday. *Convener*—Rev. Dr. Edmond. *Clerk*—Rev. John Reid, Sen.

II.—Committee on Commissions and Records.

Ministers—Revs. Robert Gordon, Dr. MacLeod, Dr. Howat, George Johnstone, Hugh C. Wilson, Charles Moinet, Dr. Gibson, W. Ballantyne,

Committees. Richard Leitch, John Thompson, W. Ainslie Walton, William Limont, Dr. Simpson, Archibald N. Mackray, James Christie, Dr. Morison, W. Rigby Murray, W. T. Johnston, and Robert Taylor. *Elders*—Messrs. Alexander Guthrie, Walter Graham, John Gunn, Thomas P. Dods, Robert Sumner, James Goodman, W. Carruthers, Thomas Matheson, W. A. Boulnois, T. W. Thacker, Robert Whyte, Charles H. Johnson, Thomas Hall, H. L. M'Innes, George Bell, Rev. Dr. Kennedy Moore, and Rev. Dr. Craig. *Convener*—Rev. Dr. MacLeod. *Clerk*—Rev. W. Ballantyne.

III.—Selection Committee.

Nominated by Presbyteries.—*Ministers*—Revs. J. A. Craig, Alex. M. Dalrymple, J. D. Watters, J. Howie Boyd, R. W. R. Rentoul, James Mellis, William Young, A. H. Drysdale. *Elders*—Messrs. Thomas Bell and William Sutton. *Conveners of Standing Committees*—*Ministers*—Revs. The Moderator, Dr. Fraser, Dr. MacEwan, Dr. Edmond, Dr. Dykes, James Towers, Dr. J. Monro Gibson, W. Rigby Murray, James Muir, James Christie, and Dr. McCaw. *Elders*—Messrs. George B. Bruce, Hugh M. Matheson, Dr. Leone Levi, and Mr. George Duncan. *Convener*—Rev. Dr. Gibson. *Clerk*—Rev. James Muir.

Presbytery of Carlisle. The Presbytery of Carlisle, through its Clerk, requested, and the Synod granted leave, for it to meet for special business to-morrow morning before the meeting of the Synod.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock for the observance of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, and thereafter for ordinary business; of which public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Tuesday, April
29th.

*At Liverpool, and within Mount Pleasant
Church, on Tuesday, the 29th day
of April, 1884, at Ten o'clock a.m.*

Constituted. The Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Lord's Supper. The Synod proceeded to the observance of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper—the Moderator conducting the Service, assisted by the

Rev. Joseph Wood, the Rev. Hugh C. Wilson, the Rev. William S. Swanson, and the Rev. John M. Mackenzie.

The solemn service having been concluded—the Synod still remaining constituted—the Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

After an interval of ten minutes, the Synod resumed its ordinary business.

The Minutes of last evening's Sederunt were read and sustained. ^{Minutes sustained.}

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Elders' Commissions, which was given in by the Rev. W. Ballantyne, *Clerk*, to the effect that Commissions have been received by the Synod Clerk from two hundred and sixty-three congregations, and that all the Commissions are in regular order. ^{Elders' Commissions.}

On his motion the Synod receive the Report, and sustain all the Commissions.

There was laid on the table and read a Commission from the United Presbyterian Synod, bearing that the following brethren have been appointed the Synod's Corresponding Members to this Meeting of Synod, namely:—The Rev. R. S. Scott, D.D., Moderator; Rev. John Ker, D.D.; Alexander Oliver, B.A., Glasgow; P. C. Duncanson, Hamilton; Robert Alexander, Dunfermline; David Webster, Orkney; J. G. Train, Buckhaven; A. R. McEwan, B.D., Moffat, *Ministers*: and Messrs. George Younger, Glasgow; William Robson, S.S.C., Edinburgh; Robert Miller, Glasgow; and William Anderson, Edinburgh, *Elders*. ^{Corresponding Members.}

The Commission was sustained. It was found that the Rev. A. G. Fleming and Mr. John Polson (both of Paisley), though not named in the Commission, were present in the House, and the Synod resolved that they be associated with the other brethren, as Corresponding Members.

Those of the brethren who were present were received and welcomed by the Moderator and the House, and the Rev. Alexander Oliver responded in suitable terms, in the absence of the Moderator, Dr. Scott.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Business, which was given in by Dr. Edmond, Convener. ^{Business.}

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve to take up the business, so far as arranged, in the order therein suggested.

Home
Mission.

The Synod called for the Report of the Home Mission Committee, which was submitted by Mr. George B. Bruce, Convener.

Deputies.

On his Motion the Synod received meanwhile that section of the Report dealing with the visitation of Presbyteries and Congregations by the Home Mission Deputies during the past year; and agreed to resolve itself into a private Conference for one hour on the State of Religion in the Congregations of the Church, with consideration of the hindrances and helps to their prosperity.

Conference.

The Conference was addressed by the Rev. W. Fraser, Mr. R. Amos, Mr. Thomas Bell, Dr. Edmond, Rev. J. Christie, Rev. D. Matheson, Mr. Robert Whyte, Rev. John Matheson, Mr. George Bell, jun., Rev. A. B. Barkway, Rev. T. Boyd, Rev. G. Johnstone, Mr. J. Heatley, Mr. D. Currie, Rev. R. Leitch, Mr. John Bell, and Rev. Dr. Nicolson.

Synod re-
sumed.

The Conference being closed, the Synod resumed in open Court.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Home Missions Report, and on the Convener's Motion : The Synod rejoice to observe a more widely diffused effort in the department of Church Extension throughout the various Presbyteries, whilst acknowledging that these efforts still fall far short of the obligations resting upon us as a section of Christ's Church to provide the means of grace for the ever-increasing population of our native land, and earnestly inviting Congregations and Presbyteries to arrange for systematic action in the establishment of new congregations where the population is increasing in their neighbourhood.

Church Build-
ing.

It was then moved by the Convener, and seconded : The Synod regret that the state of trade throughout the country during the past year has acted unfavourably on the progress of the Fund for Church Building and Debt Extinction. In view, however, of the fact that the sum aimed at is not excessive and that the success of the effort is essential to the progress or the very existence of the Church, the Synod affectionately enjoin all Ministers and Office-bearers to use their personal influence to secure the success of a Fund on which so much depends.

Conference.

There appearing to be considerable diversity of opinion as to the principles and methods of procedure in the Church Building and Debt Extinction Scheme, the Synod at this stage resolved itself into a Conference, in order to a frank interchange of sentiment on the subject.

The Conference was addressed by Mr. S. Stitt, Rev. John More, Mr.

George Duncan, Mr. J. A. Beith, Mr. John Bell, Mr. A. Guthrie, and Rev. W. Young.

Before the close of the Conference, and the hour of adjournment having come, the suggestion was made, and met the approval of the House, that a number of the brethren entertaining diverging views should meet during the time of adjournment, endeavour to come to a resolution on which they could agree, and submit it to the Synod at the opening of the Evening Sederunt.

The Synod in Conference then adjourned, to meet again in open Adjournment. Court this evening at Six o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At Liverpool, and within Mount Pleasant Tuesday,
Church, on Tuesday, the 29th day of April 29th.
April, 1884, at Six o'clock, p.m.

The Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading Constituted. of the Word, and prayer.

It was reported that the brethren indicated at the close of the Finding. Conference in the Forenoon Sederunt had met in the interval, and had agreed on a resolution in the following terms:—

The Synod regret that the state of trade throughout the country during the past year, and other circumstances, have acted unfavourably on the progress of the Fund for Church Building and Debt Extinction. In view, however, of the diversity of opinion which exists as to the principles and method on which the work may be most effectually carried on, and of the desirability of securing a larger amount of local interest and administration in the raising and distribution of Funds, and in the guidance generally of Church Extension movements; and also of the partial response to the appeal made to the Church for the establishment of a Capital Fund of £25,000 for Church Building purposes; and, at the same time, recognising the serious consequences of interfering with a scheme which has been approved by the Synod, and formally launched upon the Church, the Synod decide to nominate six additional members of the Home Mission Committee, and to instruct it, thus enlarged, to take the whole subject of Church Extension and

Home Missions into consideration, and see if anything can be done which will secure fuller harmony, and wider interest in, and responsibility for this work, without injuriously affecting such work as the Church is already committed to, and to report to next Synod.

With consent of the House, the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, and the Seconder, withdrew the Motion submitted at the Forenoon Sederunt, and the Synod unanimously adopted the finding now submitted.

Evangelistic
Work.

Still further, in connection with the Home Mission Report—The Synod acknowledge with thankfulness the reports which have been received from all parts of the Church, of the Evangelistic work which has been carried on during the past year. They further instruct the Committee, during the ensuing year, to consider the case of those classes of the population who are lying outside the direct influence of the Christian Church, and beyond the reach of ordinary mission efforts, and to report to next Synod what fresh methods, if any, it would be desirable and possible for this Church to adopt, with a view to bringing the Gospel to bear on these classes.

Dr. Knox's
Legacy.

The Synod gratefully recognise the mark of confidence in the evangelistic spirit of this Church shown by the late Rev. Dr. Robert Knox of Belfast, in bequeathing the residue of his estate for the employment of an Evangelist or Evangelists to labour in England under the direction of this Court, and appoint the Convener of the Committee with the Clerk of Synod, Messrs. J. Bell and W. P. Sinclair, and the General Secretary, Trustees, in whom the money in question shall be vested when it shall become available.

The Synod also thankfully acknowledge the courtesy and kindness shown by the Trustees under Dr. Knox's will, in sending the Convener of the Treasurership Committee a copy of the will, and in corresponding with him in the interests of this Church in connection with the Legacy.

The Synod agree further to ratify the action of the Committee in the two cases reported—those of St. Columba, Leeds, and Bow Road, London.

Oxendon.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Home Mission Committee in regard to an application from Oxendon Church, London. The Reference was stated by Mr. Thomas Bell; and the Synod resolved that the Reference be sustained, and that Oxendon Church be dealt with as in effect a Church Extension charge.

The Synod appointed Deputies to visit, during the ensuing Synodical

year, the Presbytery of Birmingham, and the portion of the Presbytery of Newcastle lying north of the Tyne—the Deputies being, *Ministers*—Revs. the Moderator, John Matheson, J. T. McGaw, Dr. Grosart, and Robert Taylor: *Elders*—Rev. Dr. J. C. Bruce, F. Johnston, W. F. Wilkinson, and Thomas Bell.

These brethren appeared before the Synod, and were solemnly set apart to the work, the Moderator addressing to them words of council and encouragement, and the Synod commending them in prayer to the special blessing of the Lord—the Rev. William Fraser leading the devotions of the House.

The Synod took up Applications—from the Presbytery of Manchester, ^{Applications from Persons,} in favour of the Rev. W. H. Drewett; and the Presbytery of Liverpool, in favour of the Rev. John Foulkes;—to the effect that these brethren be received into the Ministry of this Church; and from the Presbytery of Manchester, in favour of Mr. J. C. Guy, LL.B., Licentiate, to the effect that he be received as one of the Probationers of the Church.

The Synod receive the Applications, and remit them to a Committee, to be nominated by the Selection Committee, with instructions to consider them, and report to a future Sederunt.

The Synod took up Applications—from the Presbytery of London, ^{Applications from Places.} in regard to the Preaching Stations at College Park and Wimbledon; from the Presbytery of Manchester, in regard to the Station at Oldham; from the Presbytery of Carlisle, in regard to the Station at Silloth; and from the Presbytery of Bristol, in regard to the Station at Swindon—to the effect that these Presbyteries be respectively empowered to erect these Stations, into stated charges, as soon as they deem it expedient to do so.

The Synod receive these Applications, and remit them to a Committee, to be named by the Selection Committee, with instructions to consider them, and report to a subsequent diet.

It was intimated that E. Springmann, Esq., a respected Elder in St. Mr. Springmann.
George's, Liverpool, has presented to each Member of Synod a Copy of a Pamphlet entitled 'Why do we Baptise our Children?'

The Synod receive Mr. Springmann's gift with pleasure, and instruct the Clerk to convey to him their cordial thanks.

The Synod called for the Report of the Jewish Mission Committee, ^{Jewish Mission.} which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject thereof.

Jewish
Mission.

On his Motion, the Synod learn, with devout thankfulness to God, that while their Missionary and his Assistant have been patiently and faithfully prosecuting their difficult work, there has never, in the history of the Mission, been ampler opportunity of presenting the Gospel to Jewish men and women, both in their own homes and in the Mission premises, and that distinct fruits in conversion to the faith of Jesus have not been wanting.

The Synod have the highest satisfaction in hearing that the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church have formally sanctioned the plan of a Jewish Mission to be sustained jointly, by their Church and ours, and warmly appreciate the brotherly confidence and generous liberality manifested by the resolutions of their Foreign Mission Committee, as now reported; and while regretting the difficulties which have prevented a definite choice of field and Agents as yet, direct the Committee to continue their enquiries and endeavours in the hope that speedily the interest of the Church may be appealed to in support of an extended work among the descendants of God's ancient Israel.

The Synod further note with pleasure that the Funds have been well sustained, and trust that the increase, though slight, which appears in the Congregational contributions for the year, betokens growing interest in this branch of Mission work, encouraging the hope that when enlargement of the field requires it, the liberality of the Church will be frankly and heartily also enlarged.

Foreign
Missions.

The Report of the Foreign Missions Committee was submitted by Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Convener, who addressed the Synod in regard thereto.

On his Motion, the Synod hear with deep thankfulness that the Divine blessing still rests on the Missions in China, and that the brethren employed on the field remain an unbroken company at the close of another year. They rejoice at the return of Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell for a time to Formosa, and earnestly trust that their presence may exert a most beneficial influence upon the native Church there.

The Synod express grateful acknowledgments to Mr. George F. Barbour, of Bonskeid, and to a member of this Church, Mr. J. T. Morton, for noble assistance rendered to extend the Mission to the large and important departmental city of Chao-Chow-Foo, although the present political disturbance in China may retard full advantage being taken of their generosity.

The Synod observe with much satisfaction the energetic steps taken by the Women's Missionary Association of this Church, in sending their

agents to the centres of the Mission, and they rejoice at the widening interest taken in the Association by the Congregations of the Church.

The Synod are gratified by hearing that, notwithstanding the absence of Dr. and Mrs. Morison, the work of the Mission at Rampore Bauleah, with the exception of the medical work, is continued, and not without tokens of the Divine favour.

In view, however, of the large deficiency in the funds at the disposal of the Committee, the Synod very earnestly commend the Missions to the loving sympathy of the Church; and warmly recommend that, by frequent reference to the subject, both in the pulpit and the Sabbath Schools, more information may be spread, and the interest and liberality of all classes be greatly stimulated.

The Synod was then addressed successively by Dr. Morison, from Addresses. Rampore Bauleah, on his Medical Missionary work in that district of India; by the Rev. William Duffus, from Swatow, on the work of the Mission in that neighbourhood; by the Rev. A. G. Train, of Buckhaven, illustrating Mission work by his experience and observation among fishermen; by the Rev. J. S. Paton, Missionary from the New Hebrides, on the success of Mission work in that group of Islands; by the Rev. Professor Elmslie, on Home Mission and Church Extension work in England; and by the Rev. W. S. Swanson, from Amoy, on the marvellous expansion of the China Mission during the period of his connexion therewith.

The Addresses were interspersed with Services of Praise, and the Meeting was felt to be solemn and stimulating by the members of Synod, and by the large audience assembled.

The Presbytery of London asked, and the Synod granted, leave for that Court to meet to-morrow morning, at a quarter before Ten o'clock. Presbytery of London.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning, at Ten o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At Liverpool, and within Mount Pleasant Church, on Wednesday, the 30th day of April, 1884, at Ten o'clock a.m. Wednesday, April 30th.

The Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer. Constituted.

Minutes sus-
tained.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read and sustained.

Ministerial
support.

The Synod called for the Report of the Ministerial Support Committee, which—in the regretted absence of Dr. Fraser and Dr. MacEwan, the Joint Conveners, through indisposition—was given in by the Rev. J. T. McGaw, a Member of the Committee.

On his Motion, the Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee, and resolve as follows :—

I.—ON THE SUSTENTATION FUND.

Gratefully acknowledge the goodness of the Divine Head of the Church in inclining the hearts of His people to maintain this great Fund year after year :

Recognise the progressive improvement detailed in the Report, and hope that Aid-giving Congregations will spare no effort to send up in all cases the amounts on which the Triennial Visitation has encouraged the Committee to calculate :

Authorise the admission of not more than two Aid-receiving Congregations during the ensuing year, provided the Committee shall see their way clearly to the additional aid needed :

In view of a reference from the Presbytery of Berwick, on the case of a special arrangement at Belford, defer consideration of that part of the Report till such reference is heard.

II.—ON THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

Notice with satisfaction the steady advance in this Fund.

In terms of the recommendation of the Committee, place the Rev. D. Terras on the Fund, making him the *maximum* grant of £45 per annum, from the date of the termination of his connection with the Sustentation Fund.

III.—ON THE MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

Approve and confirm the action of the Committee in admitting the Rev. W. Macfarlane.

Resolve to add the following words to Rule I., 2 (7)—relating to the Induction Fee :—The College Committee shall be required to make a similar contribution on the appointment of each Professor, and the Foreign Missions Committee on that of each Missionary.

Regret that the hope expressed by last Synod, in reference to the completing of the sum of £2,000 of additional capital, has not been

fulfilled, and instruct the Committee to keep this important object still in view, the raising of the whole sum being regarded as essential to the future safety of the Fund.

Agree to appoint Mr. George Bell, junr., Trustee for investments in connection with this Fund, in room of Mr. Andrew Wark, deceased.

Thank Rev. James Towers for his generous offer of £100, on condition that the Synod undertake to use their best efforts to increase the allowance to Widows to a more adequate sum, and refer the same to the consideration of the Committee.

The Synod took up two References : one from the Presbytery of ^{References.} Berwick, in regard to difficulties in connection with the union of the Columba and Erskine Churches in Belford; and the other from the Presbytery of Manchester and the Ministerial Support Committee jointly, in regard to questions of difficulty and delicacy in connection with the Mount Street Church, Blackburn.

Without requiring the References to be meanwhile stated to the House, the Synod remit them to a Committee, to be nominated by the selection Committee, with instructions to confer with the parties concerned, consider the cases on their merits, and report to the Synod at a future Sederunt.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Church Praise, ^{Church Praise.} which was given in by the Rev. W. Rigby Murray, Convener.

On his Motion, the Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee—reappoint them, and earnestly recommend the adoption of the method suggested by them for the improvement of Public Praise throughout the Church, viz. : A Service of Praise Committee in every Presbytery, a Choral Association in every town or district, and a class or classes for instruction in the art of Music in every Congregation and Sunday School.

The Synod called for the Report of the Hymn-Book Purchase Com- ^{Hymn-Book Purchase.} mittee, which, in the absence of Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Convener, was submitted by Mr. John Bell.

It was moved and seconded—The Synod receive and adopt the Report, after amendment in the third paragraph, substituting for the words ‘and in view of the detriment to the successful launching of this Book, which was being caused by the suspense in regard to its

ownership,' the words 'it having been intimated to Messrs. Nisbet and Co. that negotiations are closed.'

It was moved and seconded, as an amendment—The Synod record their regret that the work committed to the Hymn-Book Purchase Committee has not been accomplished, and appoint a Committee to carry out the decision of last Synod, instructing them to take steps to obtain the necessary funds on the security of the Hymn-Book.

The Synod proceeded to the vote, and took the same by a show of hands—the state of the vote being Motion or Amendment—when it was found, votes being reckoned, that the Motion was carried by a large majority. Wherefore the Synod resolved in terms of said Motion.

Nonconformist
Deputations.

The Synod proceeded to receive Deputations from Nonconformist Ministers and Churches in Liverpool—one from the Wesleyan Methodists, and the other from the Congregational and Baptist Churches.

There appeared before the Synod some forty Ministers and Laymen, representatives of these Churches.

An Address of cordial sympathy and of welcome to Liverpool, from the Wesleyan Methodists, signed by the President and ex-President, along with other Members of the Conference, was read by the Rev. W. F. Slater, M.A. The Synod was addressed also by the Rev. Thomas Ackroyd, another Wesleyan brother; by the Rev. Samuel Pearson, representing the Congregational Church, and the Rev. Eli E. Walter, representing the Baptist Church.

All the Deputies were received by the Synod with entire cordiality, and the Moderator addressed them in terms of brotherly affection.

Letter from
Bishop of
Liverpool.

A letter was read by the Moderator from the Bishop of Liverpool, expressive of his respect and esteem, and of his thankfulness that there are so many points on which the Church of England and the Presbyterian Church are agreed, though they be not one on the question of Church Government.

The Synod receive the letter with much interest and pleasure.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At Liverpool, and within Mount Pleasant Wednesday,
April 30th.
Church, on Wednesday, the 30th day
of April, 1884, at Six o'clock p.m.

The Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading Constituted.
of the Word, and prayer.

The Synod took up a Memorial presented by the firm of Messrs. School Praise.
James Nisbet and Co., praying for the sanction of the Synod to the
Children's Hymn Book, entitled 'School Praise,' recently published by
them.

The Memorial, having been read, was supported by Mr. George B.
Bruce.

It was moved and seconded, That the prayer of the Memorial be First Motion.
granted.

It was moved and seconded, as a second Motion, That the Synod Second
Motion.
respectfully decline to grant the prayer of the Memorial.

It was moved and seconded, as a third Motion, That the Synod Third Motion.
receive the Memorial, and refer it to the Committee on Public Praise,
authorising them to accede to its request, provided they are able to
make such arrangements with the Memorialists as will permit School
Praise and Church Praise to be used together in Public Worship without
confusion.

After reasoning, it was resolved to proceed to the vote, when the Finding.
Mover and Seconder of the first motion, with consent of the House,
withdrew said motion.

The sense of the Synod was then taken, as between the second and
third motions; and it was found that the third was carried by a
majority: Wherefore the Synod resolve in terms of the said third
motion.

From this finding, Mr. William Carruthers entered his dissent in his Dissent.
own name, and in the name of those who may adhere thereto.

To this dissent there adhered—Mr. George Bell, junr., Mr. John
Muir, Rev. J. D. Watters, Mr. W. R. Harrison, and Mr. Archibald
Beatty.

Intercourse.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Intercourse with other Churches, which was given in by the Moderator, Dr. Edmond meanwhile occupying the Chair.

On the Convener's motion, the Synod receive the Report :—

They renew the expression of their fraternal interest in the Protestant Churches of the Continent.

The Synod express the hope that congregations which have not hitherto availed themselves of the privilege of aiding their continental brethren will this year be found taking their share in the important work.

The Synod rejoice in the cordial relations subsisting between them and Sister Churches, at home, in the colonies, and in many foreign countries.

The Synod hear with gratification of the successful Meeting of the Federal Council held in Glasgow, in the month of February. And they remit to the Home Mission Committee for their consideration and report, the subject of 'Evangelistic Agencies outside the Church,' upon which the Synod are asked by the Federal Council to give a deliverance.

Free Church.

There was laid on the table and read a Letter from the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, expressive of the sentiments of hearty interest and affection which the Assembly cherishes toward this Church.

The Synod receive the Letter with the utmost pleasure, order it to be preserved among the Reports of the Synod, and instruct the Deputation to be appointed to visit the next General Assembly of the Free Church, to respond cordially to the Assembly's gratulations.

Deputations.

The Synod proceeded to receive Deputations from Sister Churches.

Irish Assembly.

There was laid on the table and read an Extract Minute from the Records of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, bearing that the Assembly had received with much interest the Deputation sent by this Synod last year, and rejoiced in the success of the work of this Church at home and abroad.

There was read another Extract Minute, showing that the Assembly had appointed as a Deputation to this Synod, the Rev. Hamilton B. Wilson, D.D., Minister at Cookstown, and Moderator of Assembly; Rev. Alexander Patton, Minister at Bangor; Rev. J. C. Clarke, Minister at

Galway; with Mr. John Givan, M.P. for County Monaghan; and Mr. Patrick Mackintosh, J.P., Newtonards, Ruling Elders.

Dr. Wilson and Mr. Patton, the only Members of the Deputation present, addressed the Synod.

Letters were read from M. E. Pedezert, of the Reformed Church of France and Geneva, France, and from M. J. S. Dardier, of the Evangelical Church of Geneva, expressing sympathy with this Church, and requesting Deputations to be sent to their respective Churches.

The Rev. Carlo Tron, representing the Waldensian Church, and the Rev. Kennedy Anet, representing the Christian Missionary Church of Belgium, were received, and addressed the House.

A Commission was tabled from the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church, in favour of the Rev. O. Thomas, D.D., Liverpool, Rev. W. James, M.A., Manchester, Dr. Gee, Liverpool, and Mr. Charles Hughes, Wrexham, as Deputies to this Synod.

Dr. Gee, the only Member of the Deputation present, addressed the Synod.

There were laid on the table and read Extract Minutes from the records of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in New South Wales, certifying the Rev. J. G. Paton, Rev. James Cosh, Mr. Robert Morton, and Mr. John Fraser, as a Deputation to this Synod.

Mr. Cosh was present and addressed the House.

A Commission was read from the General Assembly of the Church of Victoria, Victoria, in favour of the Rev. Robert Hamilton, the Rev. F. R. M. Wilson, the Rev. James McGaw, the Rev. J. G. Paton, and Mr. William Sim, as Deputies to this Synod.

Messrs. Wilson, McGaw, and Sim being present, successively addressed the House.

A Commission was tabled from the General Assembly of the Church of Queensland, of Queensland in favour of the Rev. Alexander Hay, M.A.

Mr. Hay was present and addressed the Synod.

The Synod having received and heard the several Deputations resolve as follows :—

‘The Synod having heard with great appreciation the honoured Finding, Deputies from the Irish Presbyterian Church, the Welsh Presbyterian

Church, and the Churches of New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland, and from the Waldensian and Belgian Churches, desire to assure the Deputations, and the Churches from which they have come, of the warm feelings of Christian regard which this Church cherishes towards all these Churches.'

The Moderator then addressed the Deputations in terms of brotherly love.

Irish Church. As there is no Deputation this year to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Moderator and Clerk are instructed to forward to that Assembly a letter in the name of the Synod, expressive of this Church's continued and deep interest in all the work of the Church in Ireland.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at Ten o'clock, whereof public intimation having been given, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Thursday,
May 1st.

*At Liverpool, and within Mount Pleasant
Church, on Thursday, the 1st day of
May, 1884, at Ten o'clock, a.m.*

Constituted. The Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Minutes sus-
tained.
Reasons of
Dissent.

The minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read and sustained.

Mr. John Bell intimated his adherence to the dissent entered by Mr. Carruthers from the finding of the Synod in regard to *School Praise*, and submitted and read reasons of dissent.

The Synod receive these reasons, and order them to be held *in retentis*.

Selection
Committee.

The Selection Committee submitted a partial Report, nominating the Members:—

I. Of a Committee on the References in regard to Belford and Mount Street, Blackburn, as follow:—*Ministers*: Revs. John Gordon, Robert

Cowan, Dr. Gibson, J. Mellis, Dr. Edmond, J. M'Kerrow, C. Moinet, G. Johnstone.—*Elders*: Messrs. Thomas Bell (London), G. A. Main, George Duncan, W. P. Sinclair, Walter Graham, Robert Hedley, John A. Swanston, George B. Bruce; Rev. Dr. Edmond, *Convener*.

II. Committee on Applications from Preaching Stations.—*Ministers*: Revs. John Thompson, W. Limont, John Watson, A. M. Dalrymple, John Matheson.—*Elders*: Messrs. Thomas Hepburn, Alex. Guthrie, Robert Hedley, Robert Calder, and John A. Beith; *Convener*: Rev. John Watson.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

The Committee on the References in regard to Belford and Mount Street, Blackburn, requested, and the Synod granted leave for that Committee to meet at 12 o'clock, noon, to-day.

A communication from Messrs. James Nisbet and Co. was read, to the effect that, as the last Synod appointed no channel of communication through which they could make financial statements with reference to *Church Praise*, they request this Synod to appoint such a channel.

Messrs. James
Nisbet and Co.

The Synod receive the communication, and appoint the Treasurership Committee for this purpose.

The Synod called for the Report of the Judicial Committee, which was given in by the Clerk.

Judicial
Committee.

The Synod receive the Report, and re-appoint the Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Christian Giving was submitted by the Rev. James Christie, in the absence of Dr. Mackay, Convener.

Christian
Giving.

It was moved and seconded—that the Synod receive the Report, and thank the Committee for the services which they have rendered in this important matter, but, deeming it unnecessary to continue this Special Committee, discharge the same, and entrust the subject of Christian Giving in future to the care of the Treasurership Committee, as interested in the whole finance of the Church.

First Motion.

It was moved and seconded, as a second Motion—that, inasmuch as it is important that the principle of the Consecration of person and property to the Lord, which underlies all Christian Giving, be kept constantly and prominently before the mind of the Church; and, inasmuch as the province of the Treasurership Committee is to receive and disburse the public funds of the Synod, and not directly to evoke the

Second
Motion.

spirit of Christian liberality, the Synod decline to entrust the subject of Christian Giving to that Committee, and resolve to renew the Special Committee thereupon—the Selection Committee to nominate the members thereof.

Third
Motion.

It was moved and seconded, as a third Motion—that the Synod receive the Report and agree, at its own request, to discharge the Committee, with cordial thanks to the Committee, and especially the Convener; but considering the importance of bringing prominently before the members of our Church, from time to time, this and other Departments of Christian duty, remit to the General Purposes Committee to consider in what way this end may be best secured and to report.

Finding.

After reasoning, the Synod proceeded to the Vote, when the mover and seconder of the first Motion, with consent of the Synod, withdrew the same. The sense of the Synod was then taken as between the second and third motions, and on a show of hands it was found that the third motion was carried by a majority of votes, wherefore the Synod resolved in terms of the said motion.

Warrington.

The Synod took up an application from the Presbytery of Manchester, in regard to the Church at Warrington, to the effect that the Trustees be empowered to dispose of the present ecclesiastical buildings, as soon as they can satisfy themselves that it will be for the advantage of the congregation to do so.

The Rev. James Warnock and the Rev. John Reid appeared in support of the Application.

The Synod resolve that the Application be received and granted.

Federal
Council.

The Report of the Delegates to the Council of the Federated Churches was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, Convener, on whose motion, the Synod resolve as follows:—

Receive the Report, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Council agree to instruct the Presbyteries that, in the case of an application that may be made by parties previously in connection with the United Presbyterian Church for recognition as a congregation of this Church, no steps committing this Synod to such recognition shall be taken till the whole facts and circumstances shall have been reported to the Synod, and its sanction obtained.

Agree further, that the next Meeting of Council be held in New-

castle-on-Tyne on the last Tuesday of November, 1886, and the Revs. John Thompson, R. H. Lundie, I. H. Boyd, and John Black, with Mr. Thomas Bell, of London, be appointed as the English Members of the Committee on arrangements for the Meeting. Mr. Black, Convener.

The Synod called for the Report of the Statistical Committee, which Statistics. was submitted by Mr. Robert Wales, in the lamented absence, through family affliction, of Dr. Leone Levi, Convener. The Synod, on Mr. Wales's motion, receive the Report, and recommend to Ministers and Clerks of Sessions, Deacons' Courts, and Boards of Managers greater attention to the accuracy of the details returned to the Committee, as well as the giving of returns of children under fourteen years of age, and generally of all baptised members non-communicants in the congregation.

The Report of the Committee on the Union Thanksgiving Fund Union Thanksgiving Fund. was given in by Mr. Samuel Stitt, Joint Convener, on whose motion the Synod receive and adopt the Report; discharge the Committee with special thanks to them, and especially to the Joint Conveners for their long continued and successful labours; and resolve that, as recommended, the few out-standing items be remitted to the Treasurership Committee for their attention.

The Synod called for the Report of the College Committee, which College. was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject. On his motion the Synod receive the Report:

Express the regret with which they have heard of the impaired health of the Rev. the Principal, and their earnest prayer that it may please God to restore him to the full discharge of his professorial duties:

Commend to the blessing of the Head of the Church those young brethren who are passing out of the College into active work as preachers of the Holy Gospel:

Approve of the Committee's recommendation, in the case of a Cambridge Undergraduate, that his passing the Theological Tripos of that University shall count as equivalent to two sessions of attendance at the Hall:

Urge upon all Ministers, Deacons' Courts, and Managers, the duty of affording to congregations an annual opportunity of contributing toward the maintenance of the College:

Record the thanks of the Church to the Representatives of the late

lamented Rev. Charles Moir, of Chatham, for the generous gift of his Library to the College Library :

Recommend to the friends of the institution the proposal to create a small endowment in order to secure for the Students in every second year systematic training in the art of Elocution ; and

Instruct all officiating Ministers to give to the spiritual interests, both of Professors and Students, a more frequent place in the public prayers of the House of God.

Senatus.

The Report of the College Senatus was given in by the Rev. Professor Graham, in the stead of Principal Chalmers, whose absence, from ill-health, was regretted by the Synod.

The Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Senatus.

Trustees.

The Report of the College Trustees was given in by Mr. John Johnstone, Convener.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

Visitors.

The Report of the Committee on Instruction to College Visitors was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report, approve the recommendations of the Committee, and adopt the same as Instructions for the guidance of future Visitors of the College.

The instructions are as follow :—

The Visitors shall have full power to inquire into, and are instructed to report upon, the supply and training of the Church's students for the Holy Ministry, the curriculum of study, the standard of entrance and exit examinations, the good order and internal arrangements of the House, the management of College finance, the condition of the College property, with all other matters affecting the well-being and efficiency of the College.

With a view to acquire a personal acquaintance with the actual condition and working of the institution, they shall pay at least one visit to the College when it is in session, at such time as may be found convenient on consultation with the Senatus.

They shall have access to all books and papers relative to the subjects of their inquiry which are in the hands of the Senatus, the Committee, or the Trustees of the College.

They are expected to report the results of their inquiry with such a measure of fulness as shall put the Church at large in a position to

judge of the condition of the College, as well as to express their own opinion on the same.

They shall also embody in their Report such suggestions as seem to them, or to a majority of them, to be deserving of consideration by the Church.

In regard to the expenses incurred by the College Visitors, it was ^{Expenses.} moved and seconded, that their expenses be defrayed by the Synod Fund.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment, that they be defrayed by the College Fund.

A vote was taken as between Motion and Amendment, and it appeared on a show of hands that the Amendment was carried by a majority; the Amendment, therefore, became the finding of the Synod.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Instruction ^{Instruction of} of Youth, which was given in by Dr. Dykes, Convener, who addressed ^{Youth.} the House on the subject.

On his Motion, the Synod receive the Report :

Approve the proposed 'Higher Instruction' subjects for study and for essays during the coming season; and, while regretting that the number competing this year shows a falling off, express their gratitude to God for the measure of success attained, and instruct the Committee to give continued attention to every proposal made with a view to increase the usefulness of the scheme, or to adapt it to the circumstances of the younger members of the Church :

Appoint the following Brethren to form a Higher Instruction Examination Board, of whom, after the first two years of service, one shall retire annually, as may be hereafter arranged, viz. :—Professor Macalister, Dr. Millar Nicolson, Dr. Wright, and Professor Elmslie—Professor Elmslie, Convener :

Recommend Presbyteries which have not already done so, to arrange as soon as possible for the periodical and systematic visitation of every Sunday School within the bounds :

Instruct the Committee carefully to consider the suggestions which have reached them from Sunday School Teachers, and to take steps for carrying out any which may be deemed at once practicable and helpful :

Further, urge upon the Managers of Day Schools under the Synod's

care to do their utmost to secure that the elementary instruction given be of the best possible quality, and that, so far as it can be done, promising boys be grounded in Classics and Mathematics, so as to open their way to higher education :

Approve of the action of the Committee in taking under its care the 'Bible Band' originated by the Editor of the *Children's Messenger*; thank that gentleman for the pains he has bestowed upon this enterprise, and sanction its being recognised as a distinct department of the Committee's operations :

And, finally, the Synod record their very deep concern in everything connected with the training of youth; bespeak for the Committee a large amount of financial support from the Church at large; and affectionately exhort all pastors, parents, and teachers within this Church to labour for the highest welfare of our younger members with a tender solicitude for their souls, earnest study to attain more successful methods of training them, and a constant and prayerful reliance upon the power and blessing of God the Holy Spirit.

Adjournment The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock, of which public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Thursday,
May 1st.

At Liverpool, and within Mount Pleasant Church, on Thursday, the 1st day of May, 1884, at Six o'clock p.m.

Constituted. The Synod again convened, and was constituted with Praise, Reading of the Word, and Prayer.

Probationers. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers, which was given in by the Rev. James Muir, Convener.

On his Motion, the Synod receive and adopt the Report.

Soldiers. The Report of the Committee on the Oversight of Soldiers and Sailors was submitted by the Rev. James Christie, Convener, on whose Motion—The Synod receive the Report, and re-appoint the Committee,

with instructions to continue their work for the moral and spiritual well-being of Presbyterian Soldiers and Sailors.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Church's ^{Confession of Faith.} Relation to the Westminster Confession of Faith, which Report was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

The Convener moved, and the Motion was seconded—

Receive the Report and re-appoint the Committee:

Send down to Presbyteries the proposal of the Committee to sub- ^{First Motion.} stitute in the formulas for Ministers, Licentiates, and Elders (question 2), instead of the words 'The doctrine of the Westminster Confession of Faith,' these words: '*The system of doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith*'; instructing Presbyteries to report their judgment thereupon to the Committee before the end of the present year:

Instruct the Committee to proceed with the preparation of a draft of a Declaratory Statement dealing with those matters which the Committee has agreed upon as requiring explanation, and to print the same for the private information of the Church at least one month before the meeting of next Synod:

Further, instruct the Committee (if time permit), to consider the best method of proceeding with the preparation of a 'briefer and more available compendium of fundamental doctrine,' and the uses which, in their judgment, such a compendium might advantageously serve, and to report to next Synod.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment—

The Synod receive the Report; re-appoint the Committee, with ^{Second Motion.} thanks to it, especially to its Convener; decline at this stage to accept the first proposal; and further resolve in terms of the Motion.

After reasoning, the Synod resolved to proceed to the vote, the state ^{Finding.} thereof being Motion or Amendment, and to take the same by a show of hands. Votes being reckoned, it was found that by a large majority the Motion was carried, and the Synod resolved in terms thereof.

The Report of the Committee on the Seacombe Application, and on Seacombe the Darlington Overture, was submitted by the Rev. John Reid, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

Motion.

It was moved by the Convener, and seconded—

The Synod receive the Report and in terms thereof:—

I. In regard to the general question of empowering Missionaries to dispense ordinances in Mission stations, resolve—

(a) That it is of prime importance that a high standard of education should be maintained in the general ministry of the Church, therefore—

(b) While recognising that, in exceptional cases, a door should be left open for the admission into the ministry of the Church of men distinguished for ability and success in Home Mission work, under such exceptional regulations as the Synod may adopt: inasmuch as a variety of difficulties would attend a departure from the ordinary practice of our own, and of sister Presbyterian Churches, in reference to this subject, the Synod decline to grant the power to dispense sealing ordinances to Missionaries who have not been so exceptionally treated and ordained by authority of Synod.

II. In regard to the particular application on behalf of the Missionary at Seacombe, the Synod remit to the Presbytery of Liverpool to take this matter into consideration, with a view of ascertaining whether the Seacombe Mission is not likely soon to be in a condition to apply to be raised to the position of a sanctional charge, which would remove serious difficulties.

Amendment.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment—

With reference to the case of Seacombe, the Presbytery of Liverpool be empowered to ordain Mr. Brown to the Ministry, in connection with that Station, but he shall not be eligible for any regular charge other than his own Station, if so raised, without the sanction of the Synod.

Finding.

The Synod proceeded to the vote, when it was found, on votes being reckoned, that the Amendment was carried by a majority, and so became the finding of the Synod.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with Prayer.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

At Liverpool, and within Mount Pleasant Church, on Friday, the 2nd day of May, 1884, at Ten o'clock, a.m.

The Synod again convened, and was constituted with Praise, Reading of the Word, and Prayer. Constituted.

The minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read and sustained.

Minutes sustained.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Darling-
Overture anent Parity of Presbyters, which was given in by the Rev.
John Reid, Convener.

Darlington
Overture.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve to send down the Overture to the Presbyteries of the Church, with instructions to consider it, and report to next Synod, the returns to be sent to the Law and Historical Documents Committee, to be by them tabulated, and laid on the table of the Synod.

The Synod took up an application from the London Presbytery, in favour of Mr. C. P. Way, an unordained Missionary Minister, at present labouring at the Station in Alderney, to the effect that he have power to administer the Ordinances of the Church.

The Synod receive the application, and empower the Presbytery of London to ordain Mr. Way to the Ministry, in connection with that Station; but he shall not be eligible for any regular charge other than his own Station, if so raised, without the sanction of the Synod.

The Business Committee submitted a Supplementary Report, and it was agreed to take up the remaining business in the order indicated. Business.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Newcastle in regard to the Solemnisation of Marriage. The Reference having been read, and a question as to the competency thereof having been raised, it was ruled by the Chair that its consideration in its present form would be out of order. Marriage.

The Synod called for the Report of the Temperance Committee, which was submitted by the Rev. James Towers, Convener, who addressed the Synod anent the same. Temperance.

The Synod receive the Report, thankfully recognise progress in the appointment of Presbytery Committees, and otherwise.

The Synod exhort all their Congregations, and especially Office-bearers, to encourage Temperance Reformation, by prayer, and by calling attention to the evils of Intemperance, and the Christian duty in relation thereto.

Further, the Synod agree to Petition Parliament on behalf of a wise measure of local option, and the closing of public houses on the Lord's Day.

It was moved and seconded, That a column be set apart in the Blue Book for entering the number of abstaining members enrolled in the Temperance organisations in connection with the several congregations in the Church.

It was moved and seconded, That this course be not adopted.

It was moved and seconded, as a third Motion, That in future editions of the Blue Book, a distinctive mark be placed against the name of each Congregation in which special Temperance work is being carried on.

The Synod proceeded to the vote. The sense of the Synod was taken, in the first instance, in regard to each of the Motions in succession, when it was found that the first Motion had the smallest number of votes, and so lapsed. The sense of the House was then taken as between the second and third Motions, when it was found that the second was carried by a majority; wherefore, the Synod resolved in terms of the second Motion.

Band of Hope
Union.

A letter was read from the Executive Committee of the Lancashire and Cheshire Band of Hope Union, congratulating the Synod on the success that has attended their efforts in the direction of Temperance Reform, and expressing their desire to co-operate with the Synod in their endeavours to preserve the youth of the land from the perils of intemperance.

The Synod receive the letter with pleasure, and instruct the Clerk to acknowledge its receipt, and assure the Executive of their deep interest in this important work.

Ordination of
Workers.

The Synod took up an Overture from Members of the House anent the ordination of duly qualified Workers in Mission Halls and Preaching Stations.

The Overture having been read was supported by Dr. Dykes.

It was moved and seconded, That the Synod receive the Overture, Motion. and instruct the Home Mission Committee to examine it, and to report on the subject to next Synod, and that, *pro hac vice*, the following be added to the Committee, viz.:—Dr. Fraser, Dr. Dykes, Dr. Edmond, and Dr. Morison.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment, That the Overture Amendment. be received and transmitted to Presbyteries for their consideration, and report to the Home Mission Committee before the 1st January.

The Synod proceeded to the vote, when it was found that the Motion was carried by a large majority, wherefore the Synod resolved in terms of the Motion.

The Synod appointed, as a Deputation to the next meeting of the Deputation. Synod of the Reformed Church of France, the Rev. the Moderator and Sir George B. Pechell.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Publications, Publications. which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Gibson, Convener.

On his motion—The Synod receive the Report, and express satisfaction with the work of the year, and approve the recommendation of the Committee as to the disposal of the credit balance.

The Rev. Dr. McLeod, Convener, submitted the Report of the Com- Records. mittee on Records, and on his Motion it was resolved that the Report be received, and that the Records of Synod, of Presbyteries, and of Synodical Committees be attested in terms thereof.

The Synod appointed the next meeting to be held in Regent Square Next Synod. Church, London, on the last Monday in April, 1885, at half-past Six o'clock, p.m. The Presbytery of London to make the necessary arrangements.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Law and Law and Historical Documents, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, in Historical. the absence of Dr. Levi, Convener.

It was moved and seconded—The Synod receive the Report, confirm Motion. the authority for expending £25 in the collection of such materials as may be obtained, upon the history of the Church, or in a Prize Essay upon the subject, and instruct the Committee to consider the report on the expediency of publishing a Decennial Digest of the Minutes of the

Synod ; and authorise the Committee to petition Parliament in favour of, or otherwise support a measure for the enfranchisement of Leasehold Property. And further, authorise the Committee to consider the advisability of providing for the safe custody of such Presbytery Records and other Documents as may be entrusted to them, and report.

Amendment. It was moved and seconded as an Amendment—That the Clause—
‘And authorise the Committee to petition Parliament in favour of, or otherwise support, a measure for the enfranchisement of Leasehold Property’—be deleted.

Finding. The Synod proceeded to take the vote by a show of hands, when it appeared that by a majority the motion was carried—Wherefore the Synod resolve in terms of the motion.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at Four o'clock this afternoon, of which public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

Friday, May 2.

At Liverpool, and within Mount Pleasant Church, on Friday, the 2nd day of May, 1884, at Four o'clock p.m.

Constituted. The Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

General Purposes.

The Synod called for the Report of the General Purposes Committee, which was given in by Mr. George Duncan, Convener.

On his motion—The Synod receive the Report, direct the attention of Conveners of Committees on which Presbytery Representatives sit to the importance of having the business of their several Committees completed within the time assigned to them at the Quarterly Meeting-, so as to avoid encroaching on that of the succeeding Committee; and appoint the annual collections for Synodical Funds during the ensuing year, as follows, viz. :—

For Foreign Missions on the third Sabbath of May, 1884.

„ Continental Work	„	„	July „
„ Instruction of Youth	„	„	Sept. „
„ The College	„	„	Nov. „
„ The Jewish Mission	„	„	Jan. 1885.
„ The Home Mission	„	„	Mar. „

Tr asurership. The Report of the Treasurership Committee was submitted by Mr. George Duncan, Convener.

On his motion—The Synod receive the Report, with Statements of Accounts; record their thankfulness that, in a year of severe commercial depression, the various Funds have been satisfactorily maintained; express their regret that there should be any decrease in the number of congregations contributing; and their hope that all congregations will recognise their duty to contribute in some form to all the schemes of the Church; enjoin all Committees without funds to use the utmost economy in travelling, and other expenses, with a view to lightening the burdens coming on the Synod Fund; and appoint the assessment for 1885 at the rate of 14s. 6d. on membership, and ordinary revenue, as follows, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Presbytery of Berwick . . .	57	0	0
„ Birmingham . . .	47	0	0
„ Bristol . . .	45	0	0
„ Carlisle . . .	36	0	0
„ Darlington . . .	62	0	0
„ Liverpool . . .	244	0	0
„ London . . .	488	0	0
„ Manchester . . .	149	0	0
„ Newcastle . . .	207	0	0
„ Northumberland . . .	59	0	0
	<u>£1,394</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The Synod's attention was called to the fact that the five-hundredth anniversary of the death of John Wycliffe is approaching; and it was resolved as follows :—

The Synod regard with great interest the intention to commemorate John Wycliffe, the work of John Wycliffe on the occasion of the Quincentenary of his death, and resolve that the Presbyteries of the Church be instructed to take due notice of the event in their own localities, and the Ministers of the Church to take a suitable opportunity of directing the attention of their people to the inestimable benefits that England received through that venerable reformer.

The Synod took up Overtures from the Presbytery of Liverpool and Newcastle anent the limited time of the Synod for the transaction of its business. Time at disposal of Synod.

The Overtures having been read, were supported by the Rev. Robert Duff and the Rev. James Mackenzie.

The Synod resolve that the Overtures be received and be referred to the General Purposes Committee, with instructions to consider the question, and report to next Synod with recommendations.

Preaching. The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Newcastle anent the Preaching of the Gospel by other than Ordained Ministers.

The Overture was supported by the Rev. James Mackenzie and the Rev. R. Leitch.

The Synod receive the Overture, and remit it to the Committee to which the Overture on Workers in Mission Halls has been referred, with instructions to consider the whole matter, to invite suggestions from Presbyteries, and report to next Synod.

Applications anent Stations. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Applications regarding Preaching Stations, which was given in by the Rev. John Watson, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and empower the Presbytery of Manchester to raise the station at *Oldham* to a stated charge, and the Presbytery of Carlisle to erect the station at *Silloth* to a stated charge when these Presbyteries deem it expedient so to do; the Presbytery of Bristol to erect *Swindon* into a stated charge, on condition that the Home Mission Committee be satisfied as to the prospects and financial arrangements of the Congregation; the Presbytery of London to erect *College Park*, after thorough inquiry into the financial resources and arrangements; and *Wimbledon*, when matters shall seem ripe for such a step.

Applications from Ministers. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Applications for admission to the Ministry of the Church, which was given in by Professor Elmslie, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in accordance therewith empower the Presbytery of Liverpool to receive the Rev. John Foulkes as a Minister without a charge; and in regard to the application of the Presbytery of Manchester in favour of the Rev. W. H. Drewett, the Synod, with the highest appreciation of Mr. Drewett's character, and his proved ability as a Minister of Christ, yet in view of the fact that he purposes to proceed to Australia with the intention of connecting himself with one of the Presbyterian Churches there, deem it better that the application be made direct to the Church within which he may decide to labour.

There was read an Extract Minute from the Records of the Presbytery of Liverpool to the effect that the Rev. T. H. Beatt, a United Presbyterian Minister without charge, should be placed on the Roll of Probationers. Rev. T. H. Beatt.

The Synod resolve that the application of Mr. Beatt be remitted to the Presbytery of Liverpool for its judgment as to whether he should be received on Roll A of Probationers, and that the Distribution Committee have authority to receive him on said Roll, should they deem it expedient to do so.

The attention of the Synod having been called to the special relation to the Widows and Orphans Fund of Ministers received from other Churches, not standing to this Church in the relation of Mutual Eligibility, the Synod instruct the Committee on Ministerial Support to take this matter into consideration, and report to next Synod. Widows and Orphans Fund.

The Synod called for Report of the Committee on the Reference from the Presbytery of Berwick anent the Union of Columba and Erskine Churches, in Belford, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, Convener. Reference anent Belford.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve that no arrangement shall be made which would involve the maintenance of two Ministers at Belford; *quoad ultra* that a Commission of Synod be appointed with Synodical powers, to visit Belford, and to make such arrangements, subject to the foregoing proviso, as may seem to meet the circumstances of the case—the Commission to consist of Revs. Dr. Edmond, C. Moinet, Messrs. John A. Swanston, George Bell, G. A. Main, R. Hedley, and George B. Bruce: Dr. Edmond, *Convener*.

The Report of the Committee on the Reference anent the Congregation of Mount Street, Blackburn, was submitted by Dr. Edmond, Convener. Mount Street, Blackburn.

The Synod receive the Report, and learning that there has been recently some improvement in the position of matters at Mount Street, resolve that the Ministerial Support Committee be authorised to keep the Congregation on the Fund on the same terms as heretofore.

A communication was received and read from Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Convener of the Foreign Missions Committee, on the desirability of the Synod, in unison with other Supreme Courts of the Presbyterian Churches, passing a resolution favourable to co-operation in Foreign Missions, and Union in Foreign Missions.

in cases of juxtaposition—to Union—the Resolution to be transmitted to the General Council of the Presbyterian Alliance.

The Synod receive the communication, and resolve that it is most desirable there should be co-operation in Foreign Mission work with all Evangelical Churches and Societies. And that in cases in which two or more Presbyterian Missions are labouring in juxtaposition in any Foreign field, there should not only be co-operation, but union. This has been acted upon in the Mission of this Church at Amoy, China, where a union was formed many years ago between the Mission of the English Presbyterian Church and that of the Reformed Church of North America, in founding the Native Church in that large district.

Presbyterian
Alliance.

It having transpired that the Synod have the right to authenticate a certain number of Associates to the Council of the Presbyterian Alliance to meet in Belfast on June 24th, the Synod give encouragement to Members of the House who may intend to be present to send their names to the General Secretary, in order that the Committee on Interchange with other Churches may select as many as this Church is entitled to, the Moderator and Clerk being authorised to authenticate the brethren so selected.

The Queen.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Address of Condolence to Her Majesty the Queen, on the decease of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, which Report was given in by Dr. Edmond, Convener, who submitted the draft of said Address.

The Synod receive the Report, approve and adopt the Address, and instruct that it be presented through the proper channel to the Queen.

Petitions.

There were submitted Forms of Petitions to the Commons House of Parliament in favour of the Bill now before the House for the Closing of Public Houses on Sunday throughout England, and in favour of an efficient measure of Local Option.

The Synod approve and adopt these forms, and instruct that the Petitions be extended, signed by the Moderator and Clerk, and presented to the House of Commons through Mr. James C. Stevenson, M.P. for South Shields and Member of this House.

Selection
Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Selection Committee, which was given in by the Rev. J. Muir, *Clerk*.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof appoint the Synodical Committees, as follow. (See Appendix.)

The Synod, having received the resignation of Mr. James E. Mathieson from the Secretaryship of the Foreign Missions Committee, desire to record their sense of the devoted services which Mr. Mathieson has for many years rendered to the Church. Mr. Mathieson has spared neither time, nor pains, nor means, in the service of the Foreign Missions as well as in other departments of Church work. Now that he has passed to the charge of another great Christian enterprise, the Synod trust that it may please God to bless his labours in his new sphere for a long time to come.

The Board of Nomination requested the authority of the Synod to hold their meeting for nominating the Moderator of the Synod in the month of December, instead of that of September.

The Synod grant the request.

The Synod recorded their thanks to the Minister and other Office-bearers of Mount Pleasant Church, for the use of their Church, and other premises; to the Arrangements Committee in Liverpool, for the excellent arrangements they have made for the convenience and comfort of the Synod; to his Worship the Mayor of Liverpool, for the Reception he kindly gave to the Members of the Synod at the Town Hall; to the Gentlemen who invited them to the Temperance Conversazione; and to the numerous families in Liverpool and Birkenhead, for the hospitality they have extended to Members of Synod during the sittings thereof.

The Minutes of this day's Sederunts were read, and sustained, and ordered to be attested, with the other Records, by the Moderator and Clerk.

The Synod having now, in the good providence of God, brought its business to a close, was addressed by the Moderator, who declared this Synod closed, and indicted the next Synod to be held, as already resolved on, within Regent Square Church, London, on the last Monday of April, 1885, at half-past Six o'clock p.m.

The proceedings closed with praise and prayer.

Signed, in the name and by the authority of the Synod, by

ROBERT H. LUNDIE, M.A., MODERATOR.
WILLIAM McCRAW, D.D., CLERK.

APPENDIX.

A.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

NOTE A.—By appointment of Synod the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, together with the General Secretary, are members (*ex-officio*) of all the Standing Committees, except that on the Treasurership.

NOTE B.—Of the first Eleven Standing Committees one-third retire annually. The first of the three Divisions into which each Committee is arranged contains the names of those now nominated by the Selection Committee: the last Division the names of those who retire next year.

1.—MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Fraser	Mr. S. Stitt	Rev. Duncan Macrae	Mr. W. Melles
Dr. MacEwan	A. P. Watt		
R. M. Thornton	Alister G. Fraser	Rev. James Muir	Mr. Wm. Galbraith
		D. Fotheringham	Wm. Brander
Rev. J. T. McGaw	W. D. Anderson		G. B. Bruce
Prof. Elmslie	R. T. Turnbull		G. Duncan

With Presbytery Representatives.

JOINT-CONVENERS: Revs. Dr. Fraser and Dr. MacEwan.

2.—HOME MISSION.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. John Matheson	Mr. James Goodman		Mr. T. D. Thomson
	George Duncan		William Brander
	R. T. Turnbull		
	Robert Barclay	Rev. James Muir	Mr. Samuel Stitt
	Thos. Matheson	C. Moinet	Robert Whyte
William Fraser	G. B. Bruce		J. Alexander, jun.
Z. B. Woffendale	Thos. Bell		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. G. B. Bruce.

The Six Members to be associated with the Home Committee, in accordance with decision of Synod.

Rev. John Watson	Mr. Alex. Guthrie	Mr. Thos. Hepburn
Dr. Fraser	John A. Beith	Thos. Holder

3.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Gibson	Mr. Thos. Matheson	Rev. Z. B. Woffendale	Mr. Thos. Holder
D. Macrae	J. Lamont		
H. C. Wilson	Thos. Boyd	Rev. T. Anderson	Mr. Jasper Young
J. Selater	J. R. Robertson	W. Dale	George Duncan
R. M. Thornton	John A. Beith	Alex. Stirling	J. Alexander, Jr.
W. Ballantyne	H. M. Matheson	James Beattie	W. Garden
Dr. Rentoul	John Bell		R. T. Turnbull
H. Miller	D. Matheson, sen.		W. G. Shields
John Mauchlen	J. E. Mathieson		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. H. M. Matheson.

SECRETARY: Mr. John Bell.

4.—JEWISH MISSION.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Edmond	Mr. John Bell	Rev. Dr. Saphir	Mr. J. Muir Leitch
	Rev. Dr. Craig	D. Alexander	J. G. Smieton
	Dr. Wright		
	T. W. Brown	Rev. M. Davison	Dr. Pottinger
	Mr. W. Melles	Dr. Graham	Mr. Alex. Fraser
		G. Wilson, Stratford	W. Rankine
Rev. R. Taylor	Rev. W. Wingate		

With Presbytery Representatives.
CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Edmond.

5.—INTERCOURSE WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. T. J. Meyer	Mr. J. A. Swarston		Mr. James Robertson
Dr. Murphy	Rev. T. W. Brown		H. M. Paul
	Mr. W. Melles		
Robert Taylor	Rev. Dr. Craig	Rev. Dr. Nicolson	Mr. D. Matheson
	Sir G. B. Pechell, Bart.	M. Davison	W. A. Boulnois
	Mr. J. R. Macdonald	R. Hanna	
		H. Mackintosh	

With Presbytery Representatives.
CONVENER: Rev. R. H. Lundie.

6.—COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. J. G. Smieton	Rev. A. Jeffrey	Mr. R. Morton
H. C. Wilson	R. Barclay		
Jas. Christie	Robert Amos	Rev. Dr. Hamilton	Mr. John Johnstone
		C. Moinet	Chas. Kynoch
Rev. W. Ballantyne	Mr. J. M. Leitch	Dr. Morison	T. D. Thomson
D. Matheson	H. M. Matheson		

With Professors, Presbytery Representatives, and Members of Board of Examination.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

7.—INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. W. Carruthers		Rev. Thos. White
S. R. Macphail	Thos. Hepburn		Mr. J. Alex. Watson
W. H. Jellie	Francis Johnston		
		Rev. W. Dale	Mr. Alex. Clark
Rev. Dr. K. Moore	Mr. Robert Whyte	Prof. Gibb	Robert Stark
H. C. Wilson	James Robb	Dr. Morison	John G. Smieton

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

8.—TEMPERANCE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. D. Matheson	Mr. James Robertson	Rev. R. Balgarnie	
Dr. Morison	Joseph Clarke	J. H. Boyd	
Dr. Murphy	Major-Gen. Anderson		
		Rev. James Towers	Rev. T. W. Brown
Rev. W. J. B. Roome	Mr. Thomas Matheson	Dr. S. Paterson	Mr. H. M. Matheson
W. Armstrong	Robert Stark.	J. W. Rodger	

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. James Towers.

9.—LAW AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. John Reid	Mr. T. W. Thacker	Rev. J. T. McGaw	Mr. John Bell
Dr. Raitt	Dr. Kennedy Moore		
A. H. Drysdale	Mr. James Robertson	Prof. Elmslie	Mr. Gainsford Bruce
		Rev. J. H. Boyd	Adam Young, C.B.
Dr. Grosart	Dr. Leone Levi	W. Dale	Rev. John Kelly
Rev. W. Ballantyne	Mr. C. E. Lewis, M.P.		

With Presbytery Representatives.
CONVENER: Dr. Levi.

10.—PUBLICATIONS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Dr. Gibson	Mr. W. Garden	Rev. J. T. McGaw	Mr. W. T. Thacker
Rev. H. Miller	W. G. C. Shields	Robert Balgarnie	John Lamont
	John Hume		
	Dr. Wright	Rev. Dr. Edmond	Mr. Robert Wales
		James Stewart	H. Robson
Rev. Dr. Grosart	Mr. W. Carruthers	T. J. Dixon	Alex. Durward

With Presbytery Representatives.
CONVENER: Dr. Gibson.

11.—PUBLIC PRAISE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. George Johnstone	Mr. J. N. Boyd	Rev. J. Mauchlen	Mr. R. Wales
W. A. Walton	Robert Whyte	J. T. Davidson, D.D.	J. R. Macdonald
Dr. Murphy			
W. T. Johnston		Dr. Matheson	Mr. N. Merrylees
		J. W. Rodger	J. A. Watson
Rev. W. R. Murray	Mr. H. M. Matheson	Prof. Elmslie	A. Guthrie

With Presbytery Representatives.
CONVENER: Rev. W. R. Murray.

12.—GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Officials of the Standing Committees, together with Presbytery Representatives.
CONVENER: Mr. George Duncan.

13.—BOARD OF NOMINATION.

The Moderators of the Synod who have passed the Chair, together with the Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: The Moderator.

14.—DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

Rev. Professor Gibb	Rev. J. Reid Howatt
James Muir	C. Moinet
J. Christie	

With Presbytery Representatives.
CONVENER: Rev. James Muir.

15.—OVERSIGHT OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. James Christie	Major-General Anderson
Dr. Fraser	Colonel Anderson (Plymouth)
A. C. Alexander	Lieutenant-Colonel Hillyard
J. Reid Howatt	Mr. J. A. Swanston
	W. G. Creighton

With Chaplains as Corresponding Members.
CONVENER: Rev. J. Christie.

16.—STATISTICS.

MINISTERS.
Rev. Dr. MacEwan
William Ballantyne

ELDERS.
Dr. Leone Levi
Mr. Robert Wales
R. A. MacLean

CONVENER: Dr. Levi.

17.—TREASURERSHIP.

MINISTERS.
Mr. George Duncan
John Bell
W. L. Watson
D. Matheson
R. Niven
R. T. Turnbull

ELDERS.
Mr. J. Johnstone
W. D. Anderson
Robert Wales
Jasper Young
Robert Lorimer
J. Alexander, Jun.

CONVENER: Mr. George Duncan.

18.—JUDICIAL.

MINISTERS.
Rev. Principal Chalmers
Dr. Dykes
Dr. Edmond

ELDERS.
Mr. Gainsford Bruce
Dr. Leone Levi
Mr. Chas. E. Lewis, M.P.
Samuel Stitt

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. McCaw.

B.—SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1.—THE CHURCH'S RELATION TO THE CONFESSION.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Edmond	Mr. S. Smith, M.P.
Fraser	Geo. Duncan
Dykes	Robt. Whyte
McEwan	Dr. Leone Levi
Principal Chalmers	Mr. Robt. Wales
W. Dale	Gainsford Bruce
Dr. H. S. Paterson	Samuel Stitt
G. Johnstone	Thos. Bell
	(Liverpool)
R. H. Lundie	Francis Johnson
Dr. Symington	Thos. Hepburn
Macleod	Wm. Sutton
Graham	Thos. Hall
McCaw	Jno. A. Beith

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. J. Selater	Mr. Robert Amos
A. H. Drysdale	Robert Hedley
John Smith	W. Carruthers
John Thompson	W. S. Wilkinson
John B. Meharry	R. Barclay
W. A. Walton	
W. Limont	
Dr. Mackay	
J. Howie Boyd	
A. N. Mackray	
Dr. Simpson	
Robt. Cowan	
R. Taylor	
J. T. McGaw	

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

2.—DEPUTIES TO THE FREE CHURCH.

Rev. R. H. Lundie, Moderator.
Rev. Dr. Morison. Mr. Samuel Stitt, Elder.

CONVENER: The Moderator.

3.—CORRESPONDING MEMBERS TO THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Rev. R. H. Lundie, Moderator
W. R. Murray
Robert Stewart
Thos. Robinson
A. B. Barkway
John Tannahill

Rev. A. H. Drysdale, *Ministers*.
Mr. J. Stevenson (Berwick)
Alex. Guthrie
G. A. Main
R. Amos
Sir Geo. B. Bechell, Bart., *Elders*.

CONVENER: Rev. R. H. Lundie.

ACTING CHAPLAINS TO PRESBYTERIAN TROOPS.

Alderney		Norwich	Rev. W. A. McAllan.
Bradford	Rev. Robert S. Coffey.	Plymouth	Joseph Wood.
Brighton	William Fraser, M.A.	Preston	S. MacNaughton, M.A.
Carlisle	James Christie, B.A.	Reading	
Chatham		Sheffield	James Breakey.
Chester	J. Mitchell, B.D.	Shrewsbury	J. Nisbet Wallace.
Eastbourne	H. C. Wilson, M.A.	Stafford District	S. D. Scammell.
Gravesend	R. Balgarnie.	Sunderland	Jas. S. Rae.
Guernsey	H. Millican.	Totton	John Johnstone.
Ipswich	Alexander Jeffrey.	Warrington	J. Warnock, M.A., B.D.
Jersey	W. M. Nicolson, M.A., D.Sc.	Woolwich	William Raitt, Ph.D.
Liverpool	H. T. Howat, D.D.	York	Jas. H. Collie, M.A.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. That for the convenience of Sessions the Clerk shall, at least one month before the meeting of Synod, issue to each Session a copy of the form of Commission, and of the Certificate appointed to be used for certifying Elders.

2. That all Commissions transmitted to the Clerk of Synod shall be revised by him, in so far as regards the regularity of said Commissions in point of form, and that he shall report to the Committee appointed by the Synod for revising Commissions only such as are defective or irregular.

3. That all Overtures, Returns to Overtures from Inferior Courts, and all papers transmitted by the Inferior Courts shall be in the form of Certified Extracts from the Minutes of said Courts, and that all such, as well as Elders' Commissions, shall be in the hands of the Clerk of Synod ten days at least before the meeting of Synod.

4. That papers in cases from Inferior Courts, whether forming part of the Record or produced in evidence before said Courts, must, in each case, before they are given in, be duly dated, numbered, and initialled by the Clerk of the Court from which they come, and be accompanied by petition for transmission to the Committee on Bills by the parties sending them in.

5. That the Synod at its first Sederunt appoint two Committees, the one on Bills and Business, and the other on Commissions and Records. That the former be charged with the revision and transmission of all papers to be laid on the table of the Synod, and with the arrangement of the order of business. That the Committee on Commissions and Records be charged with the revision of such Elders' Commissions as the Clerk may report to be defective or irregular, and of the Records of the Synod, the Presbyteries, and the Standing Committees. That each of these Committees consist of forty members: that the Committee on Commissions and Records be chosen exclusively by the Synod; and that the Committee on Bills and Business be chosen jointly by the Presbyteries and the Synod, each Presbytery being authorised to nominate one member for every fifteen congregations, or fraction thereof; the names of the persons so nominated to be in the hands of the Clerk ten days before the Meeting of Synod.

6. That the Synod at an early Sederunt appoint a Committee, to be called the Selection Committee, which shall be charged with the nomination of suitable persons to act on the Standing Committees of the Church, and that it shall consist of the Conveners of existing Standing Committees, along with a member selected by each Presbytery, his name to be forwarded to the Clerk ten days before the Meeting of Synod.

7. That the Reports of the Committees of the Synod be printed and circulated along with the Minutes of Synod; and that a copy of the same be bound up in volumes and preserved among the Documents of the Synod.

8. That in cases where parties are called to the bar, two speeches only shall be heard from each party, including the reply, to which the appellant or complainant shall be entitled. But if there be more than two parties, there shall be only one speech from each, besides the reply. In case of there being more than one complainant, and it appearing that the complaints are on distinctly separate grounds, each may be considered a separate party.

9. That the following be the order in regard to Motions, Votes, and Decisions:—Every motion or amendment shall be given in to the Clerk, in writing, as soon as it shall have been read to the House.—2. When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the Synod, it shall not be competent to make any alteration upon it without the permission of the House, except as an amendment thereon, or as an alternative motion, as the case may be, regularly proposed to the Synod.—3. The person who makes the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, in which new matter must not be introduced; thereafter, the debate shall be held definitely closed, and no other person shall be entitled to speak, excepting in regard to the manner of putting the vote.—4. When there are only two motions before the House the question put to the vote shall be—Motion or Amendment, or first or second Motion? When there are more than two Motions a vote is taken successively upon each, and unless it shall appear that one of the Motions has a clear majority of all the votes, that which had the least number shall be dropped, and a fresh vote taken upon those that remain, till only one shall be left, when the remaining Motion shall be finally put to the House as a substantive Motion. The voting shall be either by an open show of hands, or by ballot, or by calling the Roll of the House. In the first case the Moderator or Clerk counts the votes, but if needful, tellers may be appointed to assist him. In the case of ballot, voting papers shall be prepared and supplied to members of the Court; and on their being collected they shall be referred to two or more scrutineers appointed by the Court, who shall ascertain the result and report the same. In the case of calling the Roll, the names of the Members arranged in Presbyteries are called seriatim by the Clerk, and each Member's vote on being tendered is marked by the Clerk. The votes are then summed up, and the result announced by the Moderator.

10. That in bringing up a Report from a Committee, the Convener thereof shall move the reception of the Report, and the adoption of such resolutions as the Report contains, or suggests may be proposed to the House, with such additional resolution or resolutions as may seem necessary or desirable.

11. That any proposal for a pause in the Synod's proceedings, with a view to engage in special Devotional Exercises, shall be made to the Synod only through the Moderator. That all letters addressed to the Moderator for the purpose of being communicated to the House, shall, in the first instance, be laid before the Business Committee, who shall advise the Moderator on the way of disposing of them.

12. That Commissions or Letters from other countries or from societies accrediting Deputies to the Synod, and all applications of persons to be heard by the Synod, shall be reported by the Business Committee, in order that the Synod may make arrangements for the reception of such Deputies and others if deemed proper.

13. That the Records of Synod, Presbyteries, and Standing Committees be called for at the first Morning Sitting, and remitted to the Committee on Records for examination. The Moderator or Clerk shall attest the same in accordance with their report.

14. That the Communion of the Lord's Supper be observed at the first Morning Sitting, before any business is transacted. That thereafter the Reports of the Home, Jewish, and Foreign Missions shall be called for and considered; the Conveners of these Committees having authority to arrange for a Meeting on the evening of the same day in furtherance of the interests of all the Missions of the Church, and to make public intimation of their concerted arrangements for the same.

15. That no Committee shall continue to sit after the Moderator shall have taken the Chair.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

AND OTHER PAPERS

PRESENTED TO THE

S Y N O D

OF THE

Presbyterian Church of England,

HELD AT

LIVERPOOL, APRIL 1884.

The following are certified as the Reports received by the Synod of 1884.

WILLIAM McCaw, *Synod Clerk.*

MANCHESTER: *May* 1884.

I.
REPORT ON MINISTERIAL CHANGES
FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR, 1883-84.

FOREIGN MISSION FIELD.

Rev. David Smith resigned his appointment as Missionary July 24, 1883.

PRESBYTERY OF BERWICK.

1. The Rev. John Laing, B.A., of Erskine Church, Belford, resigned his charge. June 5, 1883.
2. Mr. Joseph Rorke was ordained at Church Street, Berwick. June 21, 1883.
3. The Rev. David Terras, M.A., of Columba Church, Belford, resigned his charge. Oct. 1, 1883.
4. The Rev. Andrew Cant resigned his charge at Tweedmouth. Feb. 5, 1884.

PRESBYTERY OF BIRMINGHAM.

The Rev. David R. Cowan was inducted at Walsall. Oct. 25, 1883.

PRESBYTERY OF BRISTOL.

The Rev. R. D. Wilson resigned his charge at Swansea. Oct. 9, 1883.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE.

1. The Rev. Alex. King resigned his charge at High Street Church, Whitehaven. Oct. 24, 1883.
2. The Rev. Thomas G. Molyneux, M.A., LL.B., resigned his charge at Workington. Jan. 22, 1884.
3. Mr. A. C. Kettle was ordained at High Street Church, Whitehaven. April 9, 1884.

PRESBYTERY OF DARLINGTON.

1. Mr. James Wallace, M.A., was ordained at Redcar. June 25, 1883.
2. The Rev. David Smith was inducted at Grimsby. July 24, 1883.
3. Mr. James Climie, M.A., was ordained at Scarborough. April 17, 1884.

PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL.

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| June 14, 1883. | 1. Mr. David Mitchell, B.D., was ordained at Chester. |
| Dec. 31, 1883. | 2. The Rev. W. Hood Wright resigned his charge at Sutton. |
| April 22, 1884. | 3. Mr. James McMurchy was ordained at Walton. |

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

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| May 3, 1883. | 1. The Rev. W. Gray Elmslie, M.A., was loosed by the Synod from his pastoral charge at Willesden. |
| June 28, 1883. | 2. The Rev. William Martin, M.A., was inducted at Forest Hill. |
| July 9, 1883. | 3. The Rev. Joseph Fisher, D.D., of St. George's, Southwark, died. |
| July 29, 1883. | 4. The Rev. Charles Moir, M.A., of St. Andrew's, Chatham, died. |
| Aug. 2, 1883. | 5. The Rev. W. Harvie Jellie was inducted at Canterbury. |
| Aug. 14, 1883. | 6. The Rev. A. W. Carmichael was translated from Oxendon, London. |
| Sept. 18, 1883. | 7. The Rev. A. C. Alexander was inducted at Stoke Newington. |
| Sept. 26, 1883. | 8. The Rev. Andrew C. Murphy, M.A., D. Lit., was inducted at Crouch Hill. |
| Sept. 27, 1883. | 9. The Rev. R. M. Thornton, B.A., was inducted at Camden Road. |
| Oct. 3, 1883. | 10. The Rev. James McGill, Senior Minister at Bournemouth, died. |
| Oct. 9, 1883. | 11. The Rev. W. Gray Elmslie, M.A., was inducted into the Professorship of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis, at the College, London. |
| Oct. 22, 1883. | 12. Mr. Francis Slade was ordained at Silvertown. |
| Mar. 27, 1884. | 13. The Rev. W. Kennedy Moore, D.D., resigned his pastoral charge at Portsmouth. |
| April 8, 1884. | 14. The Rev. J. T. Campbell Gullan was translated from Reading. |
| April 16, 1884. | 15. The Rev. Andrew Lees was inducted at Chatham. |
| April 24, 1884. | 16. The Rev. James Durran, M.A., was inducted at Willesden. |

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

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| June 14, 1883. | 1. The Rev. John Robertson, M.A., was inducted at Pendleton. |
| July 9, 1883. | 2. Rev. A. H. Drysdale, M.A., was translated from Rochdale. |
| Oct. 8, 1883. | 3. The Rev. David R. Cowan was translated from Whalley Range. |
| Jan. 14, 1884. | 4. The Rev. Hugh Rose, M.A., resigned his charge at Grosvenor Square. |
| Mar. 13, 1884. | 5. Mr. William A. S. Croall was ordained at St. Columba, Leeds. |

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE.

1. The Rev. John Parker, jun., resigned his charge at St. Paul's, South Shields. May 20, 1883.
2. The Rev. William Fiskin, Minister at Stamfordham, died. Dec. 28, 18
3. Mr. J. G. Walton, M.A., B.D., was ordained at St. Paul's, South Shields. April 8, 1884.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

1. The Rev. A. H. Drysdale, M.A., was inducted at Morpeth. Aug. 7, 1883.
2. The Rev. F. E. McGillivray resigned his charge at Newbiggin. Feb. 19, 1884.
3. Mr. Alex. McClellan was ordained at Cheviot Street, Wooler, as Colleague and Successor to the Rev. J. L. Muirhead. Feb. 19, 1884.
4. The Rev. E. G. Dall, Minister at Bedlington, died. Mar. 2, 1884.

TABULATED STATEMENT.

	Ordinatns.	Inductns.	Translatns.	Resignatns.	Loosed by Synod	Deaths.	Totals.
Foreign Missions	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Presbytery of—							
Berwick	1	...	...	3	...	...	4
Birmingham .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Bristol .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Carlisle	1	...	...	2	..	...	3
Darlington.....	2	1	...	...	...	...	3
Liverpool	2	...	...	1	...	...	3
London	1	8	2	1	1	3	16
Manchester	1	1	2	1	5
Newcastle	1	1	...	1	3
Northumberland	1	1	...	1	...	1	4
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Submitted to the Synod of 1884 by

WILLIAM McCRAW,

Synod Clerk.

II.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

A. SUSTENTATION FUND.

ALL things considered, the history of this Fund during 1883 presents many grounds for thankfulness. For the eighth time a dividend of £200 has been paid. As in 1882 this has been done without impinging on the Reserve Fund, into which, indeed, a slight credit balance has been paid (£24 1s. 3d.), in terms of the arrangement under which drafts were made upon that Fund in previous years. The Fund has, therefore, in what has unquestionably been a somewhat difficult year, at least held its ground.

So far as the aid-receiving Congregations are concerned, your Committee are thankful to be able to say that there has been, notwithstanding one or two difficult cases, decided progress. Two Congregations which ranked as such at the beginning of the year reached the self-sustaining point before its close—Hebburn and Workington. Several others have found it possible to increase their contributions. So that, notwithstanding the necessity of assuming new burdens, the amount required as aid has been again somewhat less than in the previous year. And though it cannot be said that this Church more than others is free from difficult cases, such as have been alluded to, requiring the most anxious consideration on the part both of their respective Presbyteries and of this Committee, these are far from being the rule, and there is good reason to believe that the aided Congregations are, as a whole, in a fairly sound and healthy condition.

Comparing 1883 with 1878, when this Fund was first made responsible for the whole aid needed by the weaker charges throughout the Church, the following results appear, the details being once more (as last year), furnished in Appendix D at the close of this Report, viz. :—

1. *Diminished Claims from 1878 to 1883.*

		£	s	d.
11	Congregations no longer requiring aid . . .	396	17	7
4	„ now on Home Mission * . . .	193	4	7
5	„ allowed to drop . . .	343	15	0
47	„ now requiring less aid . . .	686	10	0
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67	„ representing total of . . .	£1,620	7	2

* Costing last year £162 10s.

the aid administered to that of the means placed at their disposal by the stronger Congregations of the Church for this purpose, they are compelled to report not progress but retrogression.

Comparing now the figures of 1883 with those of the previous year, while the aid required has again happily slightly diminished (by £31 9s. 10*d.*), the aid furnished by Congregations has fallen off by the somewhat serious sum of £184 5s. 8*d.* To this must be added the falling off in donations, which, never a very large amount in this Church, have sunk from £135 to £77 3s. 5*d.*, raising the total loss of revenue to £242 2s. 3*d.* This may seem a small sum, but it is large enough to involve serious embarrassment to a Fund in which income and expenditure run so close as they have hitherto done. In point of fact the Fund has been saved from serious difficulty by the simple fact that the loss of available aid was in so far compensated by an unexpected advance on the part of a few of the aided Congregations. This, however, cannot be expected to go on. Indeed, it is quite certain that more aid will be required for 1884 than it was possible to do with in 1883, for the simple reason that new Congregations have been received on the Fund as aid-receiving during last year, under the expectation that the aid-giving Congregations would hold their ground, which will entail an expenditure of £145 more, against a margin on last year's aid of only £24. Taking fully into account the effect of the rearrangements made last year in the Presbyteries of Bristol, Darlington, Manchester, and Northumberland, the present prospect is that of a deficiency of £45 for the Congregations already on the Fund, apart altogether from new applications. The grounds for this anticipation will be found in the following estimate for the year, which proceeds on the income of 1883, modified by the new arrangements which now come into operation, as regards the aid furnished, and on the existing arrangements with aided Congregations as regards that required:—

Estimated Requirements.

1. Aid needed	£5,876	0	0	
2. Rev. J. M. Ross	200	0	0	
3. Rev. W. Dunn	95	0	0	
4. Mrs. Galt	20	0	0	
5. Office charges (say)	395	0	0	
6. Other charges (say)	155	0	0	
				£6,741 0 0

Estimated Available Aid.

1. From Congregations	£5,854	6	5	
2. „ Muter Trust	764	8	11	
3. „ Donations	77	3	5	£6,695 18 9
Deficiency				£45 1 3

It will be seen that in this estimate no sum has been set down, as in former years, for new claims. And yet there are several applications at this moment on the table of your Committee or on their way thither.

The position thus indicated, it will be seen, is wholly due to the failure

of aid-giving Congregations to contribute the amount scheduled by them as what they 'hoped and expected' to be able to send up. In some cases this has no doubt been the result of circumstances beyond their control, but your Committee cannot but feel that office-bearers sometimes arrive at the conclusion that they must send up less aid, without realising the difficulty that such action on the part of a comparatively small number of Congregations may create for a Fund on which all the aid-receiving Congregations of the Church are depending. On the present occasion the anxiety of the hour is practically created by failures on the part of seven Congregations, which have given in the aggregate £364 less than the amounts scheduled, and £315 less than they actually contributed last year, and your Committee have not been encouraged to expect that the ground thus lost will be in any considerable degree recovered. This is the more disappointing that arrangements having been now made with all the Congregations of the Church as to the amount to be sent up by them, it is much more difficult to appeal to Congregations which have sent up the amounts severally expected from them to make efforts to go beyond the sums thus arranged, in order to make up for failure on the part of others. In most Churches efforts would be made to meet the difficulty through special donations, but, as already stated, this has never been a large source of revenue in our Church, and shows a tendency to become smaller and smaller. The whole position becomes the more trying that every day's experience shows that, as a scheme for the administration of aid, not to speak of more general considerations, the Sustentation Fund is working most satisfactorily, and is as little *abused*, to say the least, as the corresponding Fund in any existing Church which aims at maintaining a minimum income for its ministers.

Should the Synod give this whole matter the earnest and cordial consideration which the interests of such a principal Fund of the Church demand, the whole difficulty might disappear at once. Having regard, however, to the pledges again and again given that, once in a sound financial position, this Fund should not be allowed again to undertake engagements beyond its legitimate resources, your Committee hesitate to ask authority to receive any additional Congregations on the Fund as aid-receiving during the ensuing Synodical year. Should your reverend Court see good to give such authority it should certainly be with the distinct proviso that no Congregation be so received unless your Committee shall have good reason to believe that additional aid may be reasonably expected to cover the additional claims thus created.

The Congregation of Erskine Church, Belford, having become vacant in the course of the year, the Rev. David Terras, minister of Columba Church in the same district, placed his resignation in the hands of the Presbytery of the bounds, with a view to the accomplishment of a union between these two Congregations. After careful consideration of the case by the Presbytery, in conjunction with this Committee, it was found desirable to accede to the desire expressed on behalf of the Congregation worshipping in Columba Church that the two Congregations should be united meanwhile under a minister and assistant,

the latter to receive a salary of £100, to be paid from the Sustentation Fund, in addition to the minister's dividend, so long as the portion of the Congregation worshipping at Columba should be able to provide at least £80 per annum towards the same. Assuming that the Synod would confirm an arrangement which seemed to offer the only hope of accomplishing a union in a case where it was admitted on all hands that it was wholly unnecessary to maintain two separate Congregations, the Presbytery deemed it wise to proceed at once to carry out the union between the two Congregations, which was accordingly done. Your Committee have now to request the confirmation by the Synod of the exceptional financial arrangement made in this case.*

As instructed by last Synod, your Committee have this year, in conjunction with the Presbyteries of Bristol, Darlington, Manchester, and Northumberland, made arrangements with the various Congregations in these districts, so completing the first series of triennial arrangements over the whole Church. It is assumed that, in future, rearrangements shall be made in the various Presbyteries at the expiry of their respective triennial terms, without specific instructions from the Synod, and possibly with a slighter expenditure in the visitation of Congregations.

The Muter Trustees have failed to find a favourable opportunity during the last year of disposing of the balance of the London, Chatham, and Dover Ordinary, and Caledonian Deferred Stocks held by them, but are giving their careful attention to the matter. It will be noticed that the income from investments under this Fund for the year has risen from £727 8s. 2d. to £764 8s. 11d. Against this your Committee have been required to pay £55 towards the annuity allowed by this Church and the Free Church of Scotland to Mr. Muter's sister. This sum, however, covers $2\frac{3}{4}$ years. In future the payment will be simply £20 each year.

B. AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

One of the conditions on which the Presbytery of Berwick accepted the resignation of the Rev. David Terras as minister of Columba Church, Belford, already referred to, was that this Committee should concur with them in recommending that Mr. Terras be placed on this Fund for the *maximum* annuity of £45. This they most heartily do, with the further suggestion that the annuity date from the termination of Mr. Terras' connection with the Sustentation Fund. This will raise the number of annuitants to six. During the past year the number was five, the income from investments being £294 11s. 2d., while the capital now amounts to £6,229 11s. 2d.

C. WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Two members have died during the last year, the Revs. Charles Moir and William Fiskin, leaving two widows and two orphans having claims

* Since the above was written circumstances have risen which have led the Presbytery to refer the case to the Synod *ab origine*.

on this Fund. The total number of members is now 297, the annuitants being nineteen widows and twenty-six orphans, the capital £26,102 7s. 11*d.*, and the income from investments £1,100 5s. 11*d.*

Another application has been received since last Synod from a minister who, for special reasons, had failed to connect himself with the Fund formerly,—the Rev. Walter Macfarlane—desiring to be received on suitable terms. Your Committee, in view of the explanations offered, agreed to receive Mr. Macfarlane to the membership of the Fund, subject to Synodical confirmation, on condition of the payment of arrears with interest from the date at which he should have joined. Your Committee now submit the matter, with a view, if the Synod shall deem good, to confirmation of their action.

Your Committee regret to have to report that scarcely anything has been done throughout the year towards raising the proposed £2,000 of additional capital, the whole amount contributed being still only £1,484 0s. 5*d.* Your Committee regret this the more that the report of the Actuary last year made it plain that the present capital is practically all needed to secure the interests of existing members, and that the Actuarial value of the benefits being £7 per annum, while the annual payment of members is only £5, the Fund cannot continue to provide the present annuities should the membership of the Fund be largely increased, unless, through additional capital or otherwise, the difference is somehow provided for.

After consultation with the Committees concerned, your Committee recommend that an addition be made to Rule I. 2 (7), which deals with the induction fee, to the effect that ‘the College Committee shall be required to pay a similar fee on the appointment of each Professor, and the Foreign Missions Committee on that of each missionary.’

Your Committee considered throughout the year the Actuary’s recommendation of a change in the form of accounts, but as this would involve an alteration in the rules, and the matter does not seem urgent, they deemed it better to retain the present form of accounts meanwhile.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

DONALD FRASER,
DAVID MacEWAN,

Conveners.

[For Financial Statement, see under ‘Accounts of the Church,’—Sustentation Fund, p. 610; Aged and Infirm Ministers’ Fund, p. 612; Widows’ and Orphans’ Fund, p. 613.]

Appendix A.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
Berwick Presbytery.						
1	Ancroft Moor	112	36	32	£ s. d. 9 18 10	£ s. d. 70 1 2
2	Beaumont	318	<i>a</i> ...	...	12 8 7	124 6 4
3	Belford, Columba	120	46	38	11 11 6	78 8 6
4	" Erskine	224	46	21	5 13 5	91 6 7
5	Berwick, Bankhill	250	38	15	20 7 0	179 13 0
6	" Wallace Green	845	95	11	83 4 7	...
7	Chatton... ..	262	91	35	19 17 9	140 2 3
8	Crookham	185	48	26	14 6 9	80 5 3
9	Etal	207	90	43	16 0 0	94 0 0
10	Horncliffe	186	61	33	9 8 8	95 11 4
11	Lowick	221	75	34	31 10 2	83 9 10
12	Norham, North Church	190	140	74	18 0 0	90 0 0
13	" South Church	140	<i>a</i> ...	...	9 5 8	95 14 4
14	Tweedmouth	180	160	89	8 2 0	58 0 10
		3440	926	31	269 14 11	1280 19 5
Birmingham Presbytery.						
15	Birmingham, Broad Street	118	69	58	77 10 10	127 9 2
16	" Camphill	149	<i>c</i> ...	...	81 17 6	133 2 6
17	" New John Street	81	<i>b</i> 44	54	55 5 3	92 1 3
18	" Smethwick	83	25	30	13 0 0	96 19 10
19	Derby	82	41	50	48 17 9	101 2 3
20	Dudley	99	37	37	22 18 0	137 2 0
21	Hanley	128	45	35	19 0 0	156 0 0
22	Nottingham	206	87	42	138 0 0	72 0 0
23	Shrewsbury	88	42	48	79 0 0	46 0 0
24	Stafford	114	30	26	24 0 0	156 0 0
25	Wolverhampton	197	54	28	36 0 0	169 0 0
26	Worcester	123	45	37	18 18 4	136 1 8
		1468	519	39	614 7 8	1422 18 8
Bristol Presbytery.						
27	Aberdare	59	49	83	39 16 9	85 3 3
28	Bristol	191	<i>a</i> ...	...	16 0 0	...
29	Cardiff	224	134	60	120 0 0	130 0 0
30	Cheltenham	149	40	27	35 0 0	200 0 0
31	Gloucester	171	200	117	73 19 9	131 0 3
32	Plymouth	206	30	15	20 0 0	190 0 0
33	Swansea	150	60	40	68 18 6	81 1 6
34	Torquay	128	108	84	230 0 0	20 0 0
		1278	621	57	603 15 0	837 5 0

(a) Collections.

(b) Exclusive of Sabbath School, which also contributes.

(c) Subscriptions with Few Rents.

STATEMENT, 1883.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Pay ment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£		£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
80 0 0	0 14 4	14	...	...	94 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	1
136 14 11	0 8 7	14	...	...	150 14 11	203 7 6	...	203 7 6	2
90 0 0	0 15 0	...	...	...	90 0 0	175 0 0	...	175 0 0	3
97 0 0	0 8 8	...	...	...	97 0 0	153 11 11	...	153 11 11	4
200 0 0	0 16 0	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	5
83 4 7	0 6 8	...	200	283 4 7	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	200 0 0	6
160 0 0	0 12 3	...	...	160 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	7
94 12 0	0 10 3	12	...	106 12 0	176 18 0	...	176 18 0	176 18 0	8
110 0 0	0 10 8	12	...	122 0 0	185 0 0	...	185 0 0	185 0 0	9
105 0 0	0 11 3	14	...	119 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	10
115 0 0	0 10 5	11	...	126 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	11
108 0 0	0 11 4	12	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	12
105 0 0	0 15 0	12	...	117 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	13
66 2 10	0 7 4	20	...	86 2 10	150 0 0	...	150 0 0	150 0 0	14
1550 14 4	0 9 0	121	...	200	1871 14 4	2598 17 5	250 0 0	2848 17 5	
205 0 0	1 14 9	...	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	15
215 0 0	1 8 10	...	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	16
147 6 6	1 16 5	...	...	...	147 6 6	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	17
109 19 10	1 6 6	...	...	...	109 19 10	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	18
150 0 0	1 16 7	...	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	19
160 0 0	1 12 4	...	...	...	160 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	20
175 0 0	1 7 4	...	...	...	175 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	21
210 0 0	1 0 5	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	22
125 0 0	1 8 5	...	...	...	125 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	23
180 0 0	1 11 7	...	...	...	180 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	24
205 0 0	1 0 10	...	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	25
155 0 0	1 5 1	...	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	26
2037 6 4	1 7 9	...	...	...	2037 6 4	2400 0 0	400 0 0	2800 0 0	
125 0 0	2 2 4	...	...	...	125 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	27
16 0 0	1 2 7	...	200	216 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	400 0 0	28
250 0 0	1 2 4	...	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	29
235 0 0	1 11 7	...	...	...	235 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	30
205 0 0	1 4 0	...	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	31
210 0 0	1 0 5	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	195 0 0	395 0 0	32
f150 0 0	1 0 0	...	...	f150 0 0	f150 0 0	252 9 2	f402 9 2	f402 9 2	33
250 0 0	0 19 1	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	450 0 0	34
1441 0 0	1 2 7	...	200	1641 0 0	1550 0 0	1247 9 2	2797 9 2	2797 9 2	

(f) For portion of year.

(u) Covering more than one year.

* £145 of this amount, being troop-money, is not furnished by the Congregation.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.		
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		£	s.	d.
Carlisle Presbytery.								
35	Bewcastle	65	72	111	£ 9 14 6	£ 90 5 6		
36	Brampton	66	44	67	15 2 0	94 18 0		
37	Carlisle, Fisher Street...	368	a ...	...	55 3 5	200 0 1		
38	„ Warwick Road	312	d ...	...	...	221 0 0		
39	Cleator Moor	90	65	72	28 0 0	137 0 0		
40	Haltwhistle	39	20	51	21 6 6	58 13 6		
41	Maryport, Crosby Street	114	96	84	33 0 5	106 19 7		
42	„ John Street	115	63	55	30 2 11	89 17 1		
43	Penrith	90	40	44	66 3 11	89 5 4		
44	Whitehaven, High Street	86	54	63	20 0 11	47 14 1		
45	„ Market Place	215	16	7	12 11 3	202 8 9		
46	Workington	142	74	52	45 0 0	155 0 0		
		1702	544	53	336 5 10	1493 1 11		
Darlington Presbytery.								
47	Bishop Auckland	106	65	61	130 13 7	34 6 5		
48	Crook	92	117	127	64 2 3	55 17 9		
49	Darlington	219	a ...	...	14 13 6	185 6 6		
50	Grimsby	133	50	38	30 18 6	121 11 6		
51	Harrogate	56	17	30	16 12 6	133 7 6		
52	Hartlepool	170	21	12	44 13 0	110 7 0		
53	Hull, Holderness Road ...	197	66	34	39 8 9	160 11 3		
54	„ Prospect Street	551	a ...	...	21 8 9	...		
55	„ Springbank	121	76	63	67 17 6	52 2 6		
56	Middlesborough, Newport Road	126	96	76	56 14 5	118 5 7		
57	„ Trinity	167	60	36	49 3 6	150 16 6		
58	Mount Pleasant	112	49	44	28 6 6	101 13 6		
59	Redcar	97	35	36	27 15 10	128 5 10		
60	Stockton, St. Andrew's ...	224	71	32	132 15 3	77 4 9		
61	„ St. George's	141	50	35	51 9 7	98 10 5		
62	Towlaw... ..	63	66	15	52 0 0	48 0 6		
63	West Hartlepool	213	75	35	29 11 10	111 17 1		
64	Whitby	101	58	57	38 0 0	87 0 0		
65	York	135	40	30	9 16 9	...		
		3024	1012	45	906 2 0	1775 4 7		
Liverpool Presbytery.								
66	Birkenhead, Claughton ...	314	73	23	222 0 0	219 10 0		
67	„ Grange Road	422	30	7	76 0 0	1 11 6		
68	„ Hamilton... ..	157	50	32	63 0 0	137 0 6		
69	„ St. Andrew's	413	90	22	188 14 4	11 5 8		
70	„ St. Paul's	215	41	19	50 0 0	150 0 0		
71	Chester	105	32	30	24 7 6	125 0 11		
72	Douglas... ..	159	30	19	23 9 6	176 10 6		
73	Egremont	481	43	9	61 10 0	199 8 0		
74	Liverpool, Canning Street	519	195	38	313 0 0	0 3 7		
	Carried forward	2785	584	...	1022 1 4	1020 10 2		

(a) Collections.

(d) Weekly Offering system.

STATEMENT, 1883—*continued.*

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.				From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.											
Total Amount.		Rate per Member.																			
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.										
100	0	0	1	10	9	12	...	112	0	0	155	0	0	...	155	0	0	35			
110	0	0	1	13	4	12	...	122	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	36			
255	3	6	0	13	10	...	...	255	3	6	200	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0	37	
221	0	0	0	14	2	...	...	221	0	0	200	0	0	36	0	0	236	0	0	38	
165	0	0	1	16	8	12	...	177	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	39
80	0	0	2	1	0	14	...	94	0	0	155	0	0	...	155	0	0	155	0	0	40
140	0	0	1	4	7	12	...	152	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	41
120	0	0	1	0	10	...	...	120	0	0	185	0	0	...	185	0	0	185	0	0	42
155	9	3	1	14	7	...	...	155	9	3	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	43
767	15	0	0	15	9	...	...	767	15	0	140	0	0	...	140	0	0	7140	0	0	44
215	0	0	1	0	0	...	...	215	0	0	200	0	0	38	10	0	238	10	0	45	
200	0	0	1	8	2	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	15	0	0	215	0	0	46	
829	7	9	1	1	6	62	...	1891	7	9	2235	0	0	239	10	0	2474	10	0		
165	0	0	1	11	2	...	...	165	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	47
120	0	0	1	6	1	12	...	132	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	48
200	0	0	0	18	3	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	49	
152	10	0	1	2	11	...	...	152	10	0	159	10	9	...	159	10	9	159	10	9	50
150	0	0	1	13	7	...	...	150	0	0	150	0	0	150	0	0	300	0	0	51	
155	0	0†	0	18	3	...	...	155	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	52
200	0	0	1	0	4	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	53
21	8	9	0	8	0	...	[200]‡	221	8	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54	
120	0	0	0	19	10	*16	...	136	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	55
175	0	0	1	7	9	...	...	175	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	56
200	0	0	1	3	11	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	57	
130	0	0	1	3	3	14	...	144	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	58
156	1	8	1	12	2	...	...	156	1	8	185	4	4	...	185	4	4	185	4	4	59
210	0	0	0	18	9	...	...	210	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	60	
150	0	0	1	1	3	g 50	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	61
100	0	6	1	11	9	12	...	112	0	6	185	0	0	...	185	0	0	185	0	0	62
141	8	11	0	13	3	14	...	155	8	11	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	63
125	0	0	1	4	9	10	...	135	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	64
9	16	9	0	1	5	h190.3.3	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	65	
2681	6	7	0	17	9	318.3.3	200	3199	9	10	3499	15	1	400	0	0	3879	15	1		
441	10	0	1	8	1	...	...	441	10	0	200	0	0	500	0	0	700	0	0	66	
77	11	6	0	13	2	...	200	277	11	6	200	0	0	400	0	0	600	0	0	67	
200	0	0	1	5	5	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	5	0	0	205	0	0	68	
200	0	0	0	9	8	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	69	
200	0	0	0	18	7	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	136	0	0	336	0	0	70	
149	8	5	1	8	6	...	...	149	8	5	163	4	1	...	163	4	1	163	4	1	71
200	0	0	1	5	2	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	72
260	18	0	0	10	10	...	...	260	18	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	73	
313	3	7	0	12	1	...	...	313	3	7	200	0	0	500	0	0	700	0	0	74	
2042	11	6	...	...	...	...	200	2242	11	6	1763	4	1	2141	0	0	3904	4	1		

(f) For portion of year.
£4 from Hewson Charity.

(g) Home Mission Grant.

(h) Paid by congregation.

(*) Inclusive of
(l) Only inserted for purposes of calculation. No such actual payment in this case.

(†) Besides £45, retiring allowance to Senior Minister.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.		
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		£	s.	d.
	LIVERPOOL PRESBYTERY—continued.					£	s.	d.
	Brought forward—	2785	584	...	1022 1 4	1020	10	2
75	Liverpool, Derby Road ...	728	j ...	...	50 0 0	...		
76	" Everton Valley ...	627	112	18	53 0 0	200	17	0
77	" Fairfield ...	310	50	16	153 0 0	167	0	0
78	" Islington ..	575	70	12	68 11 6	...		
79	" Mount Pleasant ...	342	37	11	80 0 0	...		
80	" Princes Road ...	416	171	41	80 0 0	130	0	0
81	" Queen's Road ...	331	65	20	28 0 0	182	0	0
82	" St. George's ...	489	101	21	134 0 0	103	10	0
83	" St. Peter's ...	422	142	34	76 0 0	129	0	0
84	" Sefton Park ...	451	146	33	563 0 0	18	15	3
85	" Shaw Street ...	195	70	36	39 0 0	161	0	0
86	" Trinity ...	175	j ...	...	166 8 3	70	0	0
87	" Union ...	591	436	74	210 0 0	...		
88	" Vauxhall Road ...	102	70	69	44 4 0	71	18	0
89	Parkgate ...	72	40	56	103 16 0	51	4	0
90	Ramsey ...	61	20	33	29 18 6	90	1	6
91	Rock Ferry ...	257	55	21	298 11 6	...		
92	St. Helen's ...	134	76	57	66 9 11	138	10	1
93	Southport ...	171	108	63	113 11 0	96	9	0
94	Sutton ...	97	e ...	...	...	120	0	0
95	Waterloo ...	131	34	26	50 0 0	150	0	0
		9462	2387	28	3429 12 0	2900	15	0
	London Presbytery.							
96	Aldershot ...	129	k ...	...	...	150	0	0
97	Aston Tirrold ...	54	40	74	45 5 6	64	14	6
98	Bournemouth ...	139	86	62	160 0 0	70	0	0
99	Brighton, Queen's Road ...	254	140	55	55 16 0	201	11	6
100	" Trinity ...	120	* 30	25	200 0 0	20	0	0
101	Chatham ...	85	115	135	99 10 9	10	9	3
102	Croydon ...	205	65	32	240 0 0	...		
103	Darenth, Dartford ...	44	k ...	...	...	205	0	0
104	Eastbourne ...	192	k ...	...	...	102	10	0
105	Edenbridge ...	31	k ...	...	...	205	0	0
106	Gravesend ...	100	50	50	71 0 0	129	0	0
107	Guernsey ...	37	25	68	69 0 0	38	4	0
108	Holybourne ...	36	14	39	115 19 11	14	0	1
109	Ipswich ...	131	93	71	60 2 6	139	17	6
110	Jersey ...	250	54	22	48 4 6	161	15	6
111	Lewes ...	64	39	61	28 0 11	126	19	1
112	London, Belgrave ...	283	80	28	153 7 6	121	12	6
113	" Bermondsey ...	101	20	20	30 11 6	119	8	6
114	" Bow Road ...	71	25	35	39 14 0	160	6	0
115	" Brockley ...	266	j ...	...	172 0 7	27	19	5
116	" Camberwell ...	400	85	21	97 0 0	123	0	0
117	" Camden Road ...	267	80	30	120 12 0	86	18	0
118	" Canonbury ...	153	48	31	57 0 0	148	0	0
119	" Clapham Road ...	1016	410	40	404 16 11	200	0	0
120	" Clapton ...	132	35	26	57 0 0	148	0	0
121	" Crouch Hill ...	210	m ...	...	25 17 1	...		
	Carried forward ...	4770	1534	...	2350 19 8	2774	5	10

(k) No special organisation. (*) Exclusive of Contributors to Congregational Collections. (m) Annual Collections.

STATEMENT, 1883—*continued.*

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies.)	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
2042 11 6	...	...	200	2242 11 6	1763 4 1	2141 0 0	3904 4 1	
50 0 0	0 6 10	...	200	250 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	75
253 17 0	0 8 1	...	...	253 17 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	76
320 0 0	1 0 8	...	...	320 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	77
68 11 6	0 9 4	...	200	268 11 6	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	78
80 0 0	0 16 4	...	200	280 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	79
210 0 0	0 10 1	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	80
210 0 0	0 12 8	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	81
237 10 0	0 9 9	...	...	237 10 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	82
205 0 0	0 9 9	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	83
581 15 3	1 5 10	...	...	581 15 3	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	84
200 0 0	1 0 7	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	85
236 8 3	1 7 1	...	...	236 8 3	200 0 0	205 0 0	405 0 0	86
210 0 0	0 7 1	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	87
116 2 0	1 2 9	...	...	116 2 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	88
155 0 0	2 3 1	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	89
120 0 0	1 19 4	...	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	90
298 11 6	1 3 3	...	...	298 11 6	200 0 0	305 0 0	505 0 0	91
205 0 0	1 10 7	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	35 0 0	235 0 0	92
210 0 0	1 4 7	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	93
120 0 0	1 4 9	...	...	120 0 0	210 0 0	...	210 0 0	94
200 0 0	1 10 6	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	95
6330 7 0	0 13 5	...	800	7130 7 0	5973 4 1	6736 0 0	12709 4 1	
150 0 0	1 3 3	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	96
110 0 0	2 0 9	...	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	97
230 0 0	1 13 1	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	98
257 7 6	1 0 3	...	...	257 7 6	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	99
220 0 0	1 16 8	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	100
110 0 0	1 5 11	...	...	110 0 0	156 11 0	...	156 11 0	101
240 0 0	1 3 5	...	...	240 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	102
205 0 0	4 13 2	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	103
102 10 0	0 10 8	...	...	102 10 0	100 0 0	500 0 0	600 0 0	104
205 0 0	6 12 6	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	105
200 0 0	2 0 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	160 0 0	360 0 0	106
107 4 0	2 17 11	...	...	107 4 0	180 16 0	...	180 16 0	107
130 0 0	3 12 3	...	...	130 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	108
200 0 0	1 10 6	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	109
210 0 0	0 16 10	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	110
155 0 0	2 8 5	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	111
275 0 0	0 19 5	...	...	275 0 0	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	112
150 0 0	1 9 8 1/2	25	...	175 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	113
200 0 0	2 16 7	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	114
200 0 0	0 15 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	115
220 0 0	0 11 0	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	116
207 10 0	0 15 6	...	...	207 10 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	117
205 0 0	1 6 10	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	118
604 16 11	0 11 11	...	...	604 16 11	200 0 0	800 0 0	1000 0 0	119
205 0 0	1 11 1	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	120
25 17 1	1 1 6	...	200	225 17 1	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	121
5125 5 6	...	25	200	5350 5 6	4992 7 0	4860 0 0	9852 7 0	

(f) For more than one year.

(h) Paid by Congregation.

(i) Envelope system.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
	LONDON PRESBYTERY—continued.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward—	4770	1534	...	2350 19 8	2774 5 10
122	London, Ealing... ..	80	22	28	99 11 6	110 8 4
123	" East India Road	163	70	43	32 2 8	147 17 2
124	" Forest Hill	203	115	57	226 8 0	13 12 6
125	" Greenwich	226	j ...	...	19 5 0	195 0 9
126	" Hammersmith	183	71	39	41 0 0	1590 0 0
127	" Hampstead	232	59	25	301 0 0	150 0 0
128	" Highbury	534	102	19	136 8 6	...
129	" Islington	532	j ...	...	168 0 0	147 0 0
130	" Kensington	185	83	45	216 11 0	...
131	" Kingston-on-Thames... ..	96	41	43	56 0 0	144 0 0
132	" Marylebone	819	196	23	502 8 3	...
133	" Millwall	124	85	69	20 0 0	90 10 0
134	" New Barnet	77	k ...	...	...	210 0 0
135	" Notting Hill	237	100	42	195 0 0	25 0 0
136	" Oxendon	128	67	52	32 3 6	42 16 6
137	" Putney	70	k ...	...	...	5 0 0
138	" Regent Square	781	310	40	803 0 0	0 2 2
139	" Richmond	94	54	57	83 8 0	116 12 0
140	" St. John's Wood	685	226	33	482 0 0	12 0 9
141	" Somer's Town	761	80	11	43 15 9	...
142	" Silvertown	82	k ...	...	...	23 19 6
143	" South Kensington	271	70	26	200 0 0	...
144	" Southwark	112	100	89	18 14 9	38 5 3
145	" Stepney	220	60	27	79 18 0	140 2 0
146	" Streatham	135	50	37	153 7 9	51 12 3
147	" Tooting	55	29	53	18 5 8	81 14 4
148	" Tottenham	156	142	91	184 19 11	40 0 1
149	" Upper Norwood	176	66	38	230 0 0	...
150	" Victoria Docks	160	52	33	153 4 0	51 16 0
151	" Wandsworth	200	65	33	120 7 6	104 12 6
152	" Westbourne Grove	222	e ...	...	40 0 0	...
153	" Willesden	215	78	36	172 0 0	58 0 0
154	" Wood Green	201	123	61	116 18 0	83 2 0
155	" Woolwich, New Road	212	108	51	77 8 11	137 11 1
156	" " St. Andrew's	210	91	43	71 13 7	128 6 5
157	Norwich	173	92	53	74 13 8	136 8 0
158	Silverhill, St. Leonard's-on-Sea	85	26	31	61 3 6	78 16 6
159	Southampton, St. Andrew's	235	104	44	74 0 0	151 0 0
160	" Totton... ..	28	33	118	58 16 2	51 3 10
161	" Woolston	86	33	38	29 0 0	171 0 0
162	Wallington	98	40	41	45 0 0	155 0 0
		14312	4577	37	7788 13 3	6025 15 9
	Manchester Presbytery.					
163	Blackburn, Mount Street	57	32	56	30 1 9	89 18 3
164	" St. George's	462	m ...	...	16 1 9	...
165	Bolton	289	115	40	33 0 0	177 0 0
166	Bradford	223	100	45	131 0 0	74 0 0
	Carried forward	1031	247	...	210 3 6	340 18 3

(e) No return.

(f) Vacant during portion of year.

STATEMENT, 1883—*continued.*

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.		Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
5125 5 6	...	25 0 0	...	200	5350 5 6	4992 7 0	4860 0 0	9852 7 0	
210 0 0	2 12 6	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	20 0 0	220 0 0	122
180 0 0	1 2 1	...	...	...	180 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	123
240 0 2	1 3 8	...	...	...	240 0 2	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	124
214 5 9	0 19 0	...	...	...	214 5 9	200 0 0	305 0 0	505 0 0	125
200 0 0	1 1 10	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	126
451 0 0	1 18 11	...	...	...	451 0 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	127
136 8 6	0 12 7	...	...	200	336 8 6	200 0 0	650 0 0	850 0 0	128
315 0 0	0 11 10	...	...	...	315 0 0	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	129
216 11 0	1 3 5	...	...	...	216 11 0	200 0 0	363 0 0	563 0 0	130
200 0 9	2 1 8	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	5 0 0	205 0 0	131
502 8 3	0 12 3	...	...	...	502 8 3	200 0 0	850 0 0	1050 0 0	132
110 10 0	0 17 10	...	...	...	110 10 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	133
210 0 0	2 14 7	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	57 0 0	257 0 0	134
220 0 0	0 18 7	...	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	135
75 0 0	0 11 9	...	...	...	75 0 0	75 0 0	120 10 0	195 10 0	136
5 0 0	2 18 7	...	...	200	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	137
803 2 2	1 0 7	...	...	...	803 2 2	200 0 0	1000 0 0	1200 0 0	138
200 0 0	2 2 7	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	139
494 0 9	1 0 3	...	...	200	694 0 9	200 0 0	1000 0 0	1200 0 0	140
43 15 9	0 1 2	...	...	...	43 15 9	43 15 9	206 4 3	250 0 0	141
f23 19 6	0 5 10	...	...	...	f23 19 6	f23 19 6	...	f23 19 6	142
200 0 0	0 14 9	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	143
f57 0 0	0 10 2	...	...	...	f57 0 0	f77 10 0	...	f77 10 0	144
220 0 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	145
205 0 0	1 10 4	...	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	146
100 0 0	1 16 4	...	...	...	100 0 0	100 0 0	10 0 0	110 0 0	147
225 0 0	1 8 10	...	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	120 0 0	320 0 0	148
230 0 0	1 6 2	...	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	149
205 0 0	1 5 8	...	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	150
225 0 0	1 2 6	...	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	151
40 0 0	1 1 7	...	...	200	240 0 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	152
230 0 0	1 1 5	...	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	153
200 0 0	0 19 11	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	154
215 0 0	1 0 3	...	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	230 0 0	430 0 0	155
200 0 0	0 19 6	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	156
211 1 8	1 4 5	...	...	...	211 1 8	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	157
140 0 0	1 12 11	...	...	...	140 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	158
225 0 0	0 19 2	...	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	110 0 0	310 0 0	159
110 0 0	3 18 7	...	...	...	110 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	160
200 0 0	2 6 6	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	161
200 0 0	2 0 10	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	
13814 9 0	0 19 4	25 0 0	1000	14839 9 0	12467 12 3	14306 14 3	26774 6 6		
120 0 0	2 2 1	...	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		163
16 1 9	0 9 4	...	200	216 1 9	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		164
210 0 0	0 14 6	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	135 0 0	335 0 0		165
205 0 0	0 18 5	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0		166
551 1 9	...	...	200	751 1 9	800 0 0	585 0 0	1385 0 0		

(j) Envelope system.

(k) No special organisation.

(m) Annual collection.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
	MANCHESTER PRESBYTERY—cont.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward—	1031	247	...	210 3 6	340 18 3
167	Crewe	116	42	25	52 19 1	65 0 11
168	Manchester, Ancoats	228	187	82	151 18 4	23 1 8
169	" Bowden	123	23	19	20 0 0	...
170	" Brunswick Street	285	33	12	20 8 2	...
171	" Coupland Street	335	m ...	...	48 10 4	...
172	" Grosvenor Square	358	30	8	107 14 0	200 0 0
173	" Higher Broughton	101	k ...	...	20 0 0	...
174	" Longsight	166	98	59	77 17 5	132 2 7
175	" St. Andrew's	233	70	30	61 0 0	169 0 0
176	" Sale	141	43	30	188 10 0	21 10 0
177	" Trinity	260	98	38	34 0 0	196 0 0
178	" Withington	239	46	19	91 1 3	...
179	Ramsbottom	125	a ...	...	23 0 0	127 0 0
180	Sheffield	218	81	37	65 16 6	134 3 6
181	Warrington	73	13	18	31 9 6	78 10 6
182	Wharton	77	54	70	13 11 10	101 8 2
183	Wigan	141	46	33	59 2 9	45 17 3
		4250	1111	34	1277 2 8	1634 12 10
	Newcastle Presbytery.					
184	Bellingham	155	60	39	12 1 9	137 18 3
185	Blackhill	161	150	93	18 0 0	...
186	Blyth, Bridge Street	96	50	52	9 1 3	120 18 9
187	Durham	157	90	57	35 0 0	165 0 0
188	Falston	154	43	28	36 18 9	113 1 3
189	Gateshead, Ellison Street ...	351	90	26	44 7 1	155 12 11
190	Gosforth	73	e ...	...	0 8 0	...
191	Hebburn	243	165	68	52 5 10	147 14 2
192	Hexham	174	e ...	...	...	216 0 0
193	Houghton-le-Spring	130	70	54	26 0 6	111 9 6
194	Jarrow, St. Kilda's	90	33	37	16 10 3	83 9 9
195	Killingworth	54	6	11	2 2 5	42 7 7
196	Newcastle, Barras Bridge ...	441	95	22	50 9 10	...
197	" Blackett Street	597	v ...	...	60 0 0	...
198	" Erskine	200	k ...	...	3 0 0	...
199	" Heaton	126	70	56	31 17 0	108 3 0
200	" John Knox	527	74	14	42 8 0	200 0 0
201	" St. George's	327	e ...	...	4 0 0	...
202	" Trinity	822	158	19	88 11 3	198 18 0
203	" Westmoreland Rd.	519	94	18	48 12 6	...
204	North Shields, Howard Street	362	160	44	47 11 4	164 8 8
205	" Northumberland Square ...	323	44	14	45 0 0	...
206	Seaton Burn	105	14	13	4 16 0	75 4 0
207	Seaton Delaval	119	36	30	27 0 9	97 19 3
	Carried forward	6306	1502	...	706 2 6	2138 5 1

(a) Collections.

(e) No return.

(f) For portion of year.

(h) Paid by Congregations.

(k) No special organisation.

STATEMENT, 1883—*continued.*

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.									
Total Amount.		Rate per Member.																
£	s.	d.	£	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.								
551	1	9	...	200	751	1	9	800	0	0	585	0	0	1385	0	0		
118	0	0	1 0 4	...	118	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	167	
175	0	0	0 15 4	...	175	0	0	175	0	0	63	0	0	238	0	0	168	
20	0	0	1 15 9	...	200	220	0	0	200	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0	169
20	8	2	0 15 5	...	200	220	8	2	200	0	0	225	0	0	425	0	0	170
48	10	4	0 14 10	...	200	248	10	4	200	0	0	250	0	0	450	0	0	171
307	14	0	0 17 2	...	...	307	14	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	172
20	0	0	2 3 7	...	200	220	0	0	200	0	0	250	0	0	450	0	0	173
210	0	0	1 5 4	...	...	210	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	174
230	0	0	0 19 9	...	...	230	0	0	200	0	0	220	0	0	420	0	0	175
210	0	0	1 9 10	...	...	210	0	0	200	0	0	250	0	0	450	0	0	176
230	0	0	0 17 8	...	...	230	0	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	177
91	1	3	1 4 4	...	200	291	1	3	200	0	0	304	17	9	504	17	9	178
150	0	0	1 4 0	25	...	175	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	179
200	0	0	0 18 4	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	60	0	0	260	0	0	180
110	0	0	1 10 2	...	...	110	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	181
115	0	0	1 9 10	14	...	129	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	182
105	0	0	0 14 11	14	...	119	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	183
2911	15	6	0 13 8	53	1200	4164	15	6	4175	0	0	3157	17	9	7332	17	9	
150	0	0	0 19 4	...	...	150	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	184
18	0	0	1 7 1	...	200	218	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	185
130	0	0	1 7 1	14	...	144	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	186
200	0	0	1 5 6	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	187
150	0	0	0 19 6	...	...	150	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	188
200	0	0	0 11 5	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	189
0	8	0	2 14 11	...	200	200	8	0	200	0	0	10	0	0	210	0	0	190
200	0	0	0 16 6	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	191
216	0	0	1 4 10	...	...	216	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	192
137	10	0	1 1 2	...	...	137	10	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	193
100	0	0	1 2 3	12	...	112	0	0	155	0	0	...			155	0	0	194
44	10	0	0 16 6	...	...	44	10	0	80	0	0	...			80	0	0	195
50	9	10	0 11 4	...	200	250	9	10	200	0	0	460	0	0	660	0	0	196
60	0	0	0 8 9	...	200	260	0	0	200	0	0	250	0	0	450	0	0	197
3	0	0	1 0 4	12	200	203	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	198
140	0	0	1 2 3	...	...	152	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	199
242	8	0	0 9 2	...	...	242	8	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	200
4	0	0	0 12 6	...	200	204	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	201
287	9	3	0 7 0	...	...	287	9	3	200	0	0	600	0	0	800	0	0	202
48	12	6	0 9 7	...	200	248	12	6	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	203
212	0	0	0 11 9	...	...	212	0	0	200	0	0	190	0	0	390	0	0	204
45	0	0	0 15 2	...	200	245	0	0	200	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0	205
80	0	0	0 15 3	14	...	94	0	0	155	0	0	...			155	0	0	206
125	0	0	1 1 0	12	...	137	0	0	200	0	0	...			200	0	0	207
2844	7	7	...	64	1600	4508	7	7	4590	0	0	2210	0	0	6800	0	0	

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
	NEWCASTLE PRESBYTERY—cont.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward—	6306	1502	...	706 2 6	2138 5 1
208	South Shields, Laygate ...	378	150	40	60 0 0	0 3 4
209	" Mile End Road	222	k ...	...	10 0 0	...
210	" St. Paul's ...	260	j ...	...	1 18 5	...
211	Stamfordham ...	80	75	94	13 19 5	75 15 7
212	Sunderland, North Bridge Street	182	77	42	61 18 2	142 15 0
213	" St. George's ...	505	160	32	73 0 0	179 16 4
214	" St. Stephen's ...	151	66	44	36 10 11	103 9 1
215	" Smyrna ...	237	k ...	...	...	200 0 0
216	" Trinity ...	392	96	24	20 18 11	...
217	Swalwell ...	239	70	29	21 4 5	88 15 7
218	Walker ...	218	61	28	8 0 0	200 0 0
219	Wark ...	73	j ...	...	11 14 0	68 6 0
220	Willington Quay ...	140	80	57	17 16 1	132 3 11
		9383	2337	32	1043 2 10	3329 9 11
	Northumberland Presbytery.					
221	Alnwick, Lisburn Street ...	140	36	26	14 6 7	142 0 0
222	" St. James's ...	355	80	23	23 8 4	176 11 8
223	Bavington ...	98	52	53	24 10 0	81 10 0
224	Bedlington ...	132	p ...	...	5 0 9	102 3 6
225	Birdhopecraig ...	109	109	100	38 9 1	83 10 11
226	Branton ...	238	26	11	12 0 6	147 19 6
227	Embleton ...	195	44	23	8 7 3	121 12 9
228	Felton ...	144	53	37	9 1 8	100 18 4
229	Glanton ...	242	n ...	...	21 0 0	144 0 0
230	Harbottle ...	200	108	54	11 1 0	113 19 0
231	Longframlington ...	61	33	54	25 11 11	35 8 1
232	Morpeth... ..	291	80	27	20 0 0	195 0 0
233	Newbiggin ...	53	e ...	...	...	105 0 0
234	North Middleton ...	80	40	50	13 15 6	86 4 6
235	North Sunderland	219	25	11	8 14 10	136 5 2
236	Otterburn ...	117	74	63	40 3 3	99 16 9
237	Thropton ...	141	38	27	20 4 9	85 14 10
238	Warenford ...	166	68	41	12 8 2	102 12 9
239	Warkworth ...	205	30	15	18 11 3	106 8 9
240	Widdrington ...	165	25	15	20 10 0	88 10 0
241	Wooler, Cheviot Street	291	k ...	...	...	200 0 0
242	" Tower Hill ...	142	p ...	...	2 11 7	97 8 5
243	" West Chapel	214	106	50	36 13 6	116 6 6
		3998	1027	33	386 9 11	2669 1 5

(e) No return.

(j) Envelope system.

(k) No special organisation.

(n) Quarterly collections.

STATEMENT, 1883—*continued.*

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£		£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
2844 7 7	...	64	1600	4508 7 7	4590 0 0	2210 0 0	6800 0 0		
60 3 4	0 13 9	...	200	260 3 4	200 0 0	185 0 0	385 0 0	208	
10 0 0	0 18 11	...	200	210 0 0	200 0 0	35 0 0	235 0 0	209	
1 18 5	0 15 6	...	200	201 18 5	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	210	
89 15 0	1 2 5	14	...	103 15 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	211	
204 13 2	1 2 6	...	...	204 13 2	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	212	
252 16 4	0 10 0	...	...	252 16 4	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	213	
140 0 0	0 18 7	14	...	154 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	214	
200 0 0	0 16 7	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	215	
20 18 11	0 11 3	...	200	220 18 11	200 0 0	225 0 0	425 0 0	216	
110 0 0	0 9 2	12	...	122 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	217	
208 0 0	0 19 1	...	...	208 0 0	200 0 0	4 0 0	204 0 0	218	
80 0 0	1 1 11	12	...	92 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	219	
150 0 0	1 1 5	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	220	
4372 12 9	0 9 4	116	2400	6888 12 9	7145 0 0	3159 0 0	10304 0 0		
156 6 7	1 2 4	...	...	156 6 7	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	221	
200 0 0	0 11 3	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	222	
106 0 0	1 1 8	13	...	119 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	223	
107 4 3	0 16 3	16	...	123 4 3	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	224	
122 0 0	1 2 5	11	...	133 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	225	
160 0 0	0 13 5	...	...	160 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	226	
130 0 0	0 13 4	12	...	142 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	227	
110 0 0	0 15 3	12	...	122 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	228	
165 0 0	0 13 8	...	...	165 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	229	
125 0 0	0 12 6	14	...	139 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	230	
61 0 0	1 0 0	15	...	76 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	231	
215 0 0	0 14 9	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	75 0 0	275 0 0	232	
105 0 0	1 19 3	14	...	119 0 0	200 0 0	...	...	233	
100 0 0	1 5 0	10	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	234	
145 0 0	0 13 3	...	...	145 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	235	
140 0 0	1 3 11	...	...	140 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	236	
105 19 7	0 15 0	14	...	119 19 7	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	237	
115 0 11	0 13 10	...	...	115 0 11	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	238	
125 0 0	0 12 2	...	...	125 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	239	
109 0 0	0 13 4	14	...	123 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	240	
200 0 0	0 13 9	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	14 10 0	214 10 0	241	
100 0 0	0 14 1	...	...	100 0 0	150 0 0	...	150 0 0	242	
153 0 0	0 14 4	...	...	153 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	243	
3055 11 4	0 15 3	145	...	3200 11 4	4505 0 0	89 10 0	4394 10 0		

(p) Box at church door.

TABLE SHOWING SUM

No.	PRESBYTERIES.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Berwick	3440	926	31	269 14 11	1280 19 5
2	Birmingham	1468	519	39	614 7 8	1422 18 8
3	Bristol	1278	621	57	603 15 0	837 5 0
4	Carlisle	1702	544	53	336 5 10	1493 1 11
5	Darlington	3024	1012	45	906 2 0	1775 4 7
6	Liverpool	9462	2387	28	3429 12 0	2900 15 0
7	London	14312	4577	37	7788 13 3	6025 15 9
8	Manchester	4250	1111	34	1277 2 8	1634 12 10
9	Newcastle	9383	2337	32	1043 2 10	3329 9 11
10	Northumberland	3998	1027	33	386 9 11	2669 1 5
		52317	15061	35	16655 6 1	23369 4 6

MARY OF RECEIPTS, &c.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Con- gregations to Ministers in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1550 14 4	0 9 0	121 0 0	200	1871 14 4	2598 17 5	250 0 0	2848 17 5	1
2037 6 4	1 7 9	...	...	2037 6 4	2400 0 0	400 0 0	2800 0 0	2
1441 0 0	1 2 7	...	200	1641 0 0	1550 0 0	1247 9 2	2797 9 2	3
1829 7 9	1 1 6	62 0 0	...	1891 7 9	2235 0 0	239 10 0	2474 10 0	4
2681 6 7	0 17 9	318 3 3	200	3199 9 10	3499 15 1	400 0 0	3879 15 1	5
6330 7 0	0 13 5	...	800	7130 7 0	5973 4 1	6736 0 0	12709 4 1	6
13814 9 0	0 19 4	25 0 0	1000	14839 9 0	12467 12 3	14306 14 3	26774 6 6	7
2911 15 6	0 13 8	53 0 0	1200	4164 15 6	4175 0 0	3157 17 9	7332 17 9	8
4372 12 9	0 9 4	116 0 0	2400	6888 12 9	7145 0 0	3159 0 0	10304 0 0	9
3055 11 4	0 15 3	145 0 0	...	3200 11 4	4505 0 0	89 10 0	4394 10 0	10
40024 10 7	0 15 4	840 3 3	6000	46864 13 10	46549 8 10	29986 1 2	76315 10 0	

APPENDIX B.

CLASSIFICATION OF CONGREGATIONS WITH THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

PRESBYTERIES.	AID-RECEIVING.				AID-GIVING.				NEITHER AID-GIVING NOR AID-RECEIVING.				UNCON- NECTED.		TOTAL.	
	Equal Dividend.		Less than Equal Dividend.		Participating.		Non-Participating.		Receiving Equal Dividend.		Receiving less than Equal Dividend Church Extension Charges.		Church Extension.	Old Charges.	Congregations.	Amount.
	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.				
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.				£ s. d.

Berwick ...	8	916 14 11	4	350 14 10	...	...	1	83 4 7	1	200 0 0	...	...	...	2	16	1,550 14 4
Birmingham ...	8	1,202 6 4	...	...	4	835 0 0	...	...	...	..	...	...	1	2	15	2,037 6 4
Bristol ...	1	125 0 0	...	...	5	1,150 0 0	1	16 0 0	...	...	1	150 0 0	...	...	8	1,441 0 0
Carlisle ...	5	638 4 3	3	300 0 0	3	691 3 6	...	...	1	200 0 0	...	...	1	...	13	1,829 7 9
Darlington ...	10	1,440 0 7	1	100 0 6	1	210 0 0	1	21 8 9	3	600 0 0	3	309 16 9	1	...	20	2,681 6 7
Liverpool ...	4	511 2 0	1	149 8 5	15	4,193 13 7	4	276 3 0	6	1,200 0 0	...	...	...	1	31	6,330 7 0
London ...	8	1,105 10 0	4	404 4 0	34	8,960 13 5	5	701 6 4	13	2,423 19 6	3	218 15 9	5	7	79	13,814 9 0
Manchester ...	6	718 0 0	...	...	7	1,692 14 0	6	216 1 6	2	375 0 0	...	...	3	6	30	2,911 15 6
Newcastle...	10	1,322 5 0	4	304 10 0	7	1,623 6 9	12	322 11 0	4	800 0 0	...	...	1	5	43	4,372 12 9
Northumberland...	18	2,279 11 4	2	161 0 0	1	215 0 0	...	...	2	400 0 0	...	...	...	1	24	3,055 11 4
1883 ...	78	10,258 14 5	19	1,769 17 9	77	19,481 11 3	30	1,636 15 2	32	6,198 19 6	7	678 12 6	12	24	279	40,024 10 7
1878 ...	88	11,339 8 4	15	1,311 7 10	73	18,216 4 2	28	1,131 6 7	17	3,400 0 0	6	500 17 11	22	20	269	35,899 4 10

APPENDIX C. RELATION OF PRESBYTERIES TO AID NEEDED AND FURNISHED.

PRESBYTERIES.	Aid needed.		Aid supplied.		Net Amount to which Aid-receiving.		Net Amount to which Aid-giving.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Berwick ...	843 1 4	810 7 8	86 2 5	83 4 7	756 18 11	727 3 1	...	...
Birmingham ...	304 12 4	397 13 8	17 5 0	35 0 0	287 7 4	362 13 8	...	...
Bristol ...	36 13 1	75 0 0	150 0 0	166 0 0	...	...	113 6 11	91 0 0
Carlisle ..	421 17 5	434 15 9	85 18 9	91 3 6	335 18 8	343 12 3	...	...
Darlington ...	541 19 5	511 14 0	30 17 2	31 8 9	511 2 3	480 5 3	...	...
Liverpool ...	202 7 6	312 13 8	1,353 6 2	1,469 16 7	...	...	1,090 18 8	1,157 2 11
London ...	615 14 9	590 3 0	3,370 13 11	2,961 19 9	...	...	2,754 19 2	2,371 16 9
Manchester ..	432 13 4	429 0 0	413 9 3	418 15 6	19 4 1	10 4 6	...	...
Newcastle ...	858 15 9	802 5 0	479 19 5	545 17 9	378 16 4	256 7 3	...	...
Northumberland	1,396 16 4	1,319 8 8	15 0 0	15 0 0	1,381 16 4	1,304 8 8	...	...
	5,714 11 3	5,683 1 5	6,002 12 1	5,818 6 5	3,671 3 11	3,484 14 8	3,959 4 9	3,619 19 8

APPENDIX D.

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APPENDIX D.

AID-RECEIVING CONGREGATIONS—CHANGES BETWEEN 1878 AND 1882.

PRESBYTERIES.	DIMINISHED CLAIMS.						INCREASED CLAIMS.						
	Congregations still aid-receiving.		Congregations become self-sustaining.		Congregations now on Home Mission.		Congregations that have ceased to exist.		Stationary.	Congregations still aid-receiving.		New Claims.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Berwick ...	7	72 12 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	14 13 0	...	...
Birmingham	2	16 9 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	15 7 10	4	190 0 0
Bristol ...	1	13 6 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carlisle ...	4	49 17 9	1	95 0 0	...	...	...	...	..	4	37 5 10	...	...
Darlington ...	6	104 19 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	161 3 5
Liverpool ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	60 7 0	1	13 15 8
London ...	8	165 3 8	4	166 15 6	2	95 19 9	1	95 0 0	1	1	20 10 0	2	50 0 0
Manchester ...	1	10 0 0	...	...	2	97 4 10	1	111 5 0	..	4	128 15 11	1	25 0 0
Newcastle ...	7	131 14 10	4	100 2 1	...	..	2	77 10 0	1	5	54 9 3	1	48 0 0
Northumberland	11	102 5 5	2	35 0 0	...	...	1	60 0 0	2	7	40 13 2	...	...
Total ...	47	686 10 0	11	396 17 7	4	193 4 7	5	343 15 0	5	31	372 2 0	14	487 19 1

III.

HOME MISSION REPORT,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

I.—CHURCH EXTENSION.

SINCE last Report was drawn up, ground has been broken in the five following places :—

1. *Oldham*.—This is a town containing 150,000 inhabitants, situated about eight miles from Manchester. The industries in it are cotton and iron. The Presbytery of Manchester have for some time been contemplating an opening there, but they were unable to secure any suitable place in which to conduct services. In last March, however, they succeeded in getting the Hall of the Reform Club, and opened a Station. The interest awakened has been great. The stated attendance is upwards of one hundred, and sometimes it is double that number. A Local Committee has been formed, a Sunday School started, and various agencies organised to promote the interests of the young cause. It is felt that in such a flourishing town, amongst whose population there is a very considerable Presbyterian element, there is abundant room for a Presbyterian Church, and that with the Divine blessing the movement there is sure to prove successful. Application will be made to the Synod by the Manchester Presbytery for power to erect the Station at Oldham into a stated charge.

2. *Harpurhey*.—This is a populous neighbourhood on the north-east side of Manchester. There being no Presbyterian Church in the district, the Presbytery of Manchester opened in April last a Mission Station in a schoolroom which has been rented for the purpose. Service has since been held every Sabbath evening, and has been conducted by members of the Presbyterian Evangelistic Association. The attendance has now reached seventy. A Sunday School has been opened, and it is felt that a quiet and good work is being done. The Session of Trinity Church has the immediate oversight of the Station.

3. The Presbytery of Bristol have at last seen their way to commence operations at *Swindon*. Services were commenced there on the 10th of June last, since which time the young congregation has made steady progress. At present an average attendance of 200 is reported, with a membership of 39. A site has been purchased in an eligible part of the town, and it is proposed to proceed at once with the erection of the Hall of the Church. Swindon was recognised as a Preaching Station on

Sept. 11th last, and the Lord's Supper dispensed for the first time on Oct. 28th. An application will be made to the Synod by the Presbytery of Bristol for authority to constitute the worshippers there a regular congregation.

4. Services were begun under the auspices of the Presbytery of Carlisle, in the month of July last, in the little seaport and health-resort of *Silloth*, on the Solway. The town contains a permanent population of about 1,200, of whom about half are originally Presbyterian, while about the same number of summer visitors frequent the place from May to October in each year, also chiefly Presbyterians from the South of Scotland. It is not wonderful that such a position should prove a favourable one for the establishment of a Presbyterian congregation, and the movement has been a success from the outset. On October 1st the place was recognised by the Presbytery as a regular Preaching Station. Since that time the congregation has made steady progress, 85 members having been gathered, while the attendance upon the Sabbath services amounts to about 200 in the morning and 300 in the evening. A Sunday School has been organised with a staff of zealous teachers and about 70 children. The station has been placed under the spiritual oversight of the Session of Fisher Street, Carlisle, and the Rev. James Christie dispensed the Lord's Supper for the first time towards the close of December, when many sat down who had not enjoyed sealing ordinances in connection with the Presbyterian Church for ten, fifteen, and in some cases even twenty years. An application will be made to the Synod to grant authority to raise the congregation into a regular charge, and it is anticipated by the Presbytery that it will soon prove self-sustaining.

5. The only new enterprise undertaken during the year by the Presbytery of London has been at *Wimbledon*, where services were commenced on 1st January last. Up to the time of writing the Station has made satisfactory progress. The place of meeting is the Drill Hall, near the railway station, and though matters are still in the initial stage, there is a regular attendance of eighty, sometimes swelling to considerably above one hundred, while the weekly collections already average close on three pounds. An application will be made to the Synod by the Presbytery of London for authority to raise the Station into a regular charge, when matters shall seem ripe for such a step.

The above constitute the whole of the new enterprises actually undertaken in the course of the year. The Presbytery of Newcastle, however, report that a site has been secured in Sunderland, in the Millfield district, for the erection of a Hall, where services are to be carried on under the auspices of Trinity congregation, a former member of which has generously contributed the cost of the Hall, and there is some probability that this will soon grow into an independent congregation. The Church Extension Committee of that Presbytery have also strongly recommended that immediate steps be taken to open Preaching Stations in Newcastle, in the three districts of Arthur's Hill, Jesmond, and Low Benwell. It is to be hoped that it will be possible to report at next Synod that definite action has been taken in the line of this recommendation.

Of the Church Extension enterprises previously reported on, your Committee are happy to be able to state that *three*, *Stoke Newington*, *Scarbro'*, and *Silvertown*, have been happily settled. Of the others :—

1. *Blackheath* has again sustained a disappointment, in the declination of their call by a brother in the north, for whose coming among them they had earnestly hoped. The congregation are still, however, of good courage, and have no doubt of their future, should their way only be directed to a suitable minister.

2. *Walton, Liverpool*.—The people here have erected a very handsome Iron Church, at a cost of about £700, capable of seating about 300 persons. Of this amount £460 has been raised with the help of a few friends in Bootle and Mount Pleasant and Egremont Churches, and it is hoped that the whole amount will soon be raised. As the congregation now see their way to a settlement, they have been constituted by the Presbytery, under the authority given by last Synod, a regular charge, and a minister will probably have been settled before this report is presented.

3. *West Kirby*.—The Presbytery report that the little Church here continues to be well attended at the Sunday services, and there is every promise of the formation, in a short time, of a good congregation.

4. *Marsh Lane, Liverpool*.—The room in which the services have been held here continues to be filled to its utmost capacity. A site of land has now been secured, and those connected with the movement are working vigorously in raising funds for the erection of a suitable building, which may serve meanwhile for a Church, and afterwards for a School-room and Lecture Hall. The Presbytery have raised this Station also to the position of a regular charge, and steps are being taken for the early settlement of a minister.

5. *East Moulsey*.—Services have been maintained here during the year with considerable success. The place of meeting is not suitable, and little more progress can be made unless a site is purchased and a better building erected. Were this done, those most interested have no doubt of the success of the congregation.

6. *Cambridge*.—Here services have been conducted throughout the year in the same manner as before. The Presbytery of London would be glad to see the congregation established upon a more permanent basis. The difficulty of getting a site for a Church has hitherto interfered with this, and there is no immediate prospect of overcoming this difficulty. It is a question whether the time has not arrived when the means of providing for the spiritual oversight of Presbyterian Under-graduates, both in Oxford and Cambridge, should be boldly faced and undertaken, and Churches erected in both places; to this end the co-operation of Scotland and Ireland should be sought.

The amount of grants paid under this head in 1883 was £1,256 17s. 6d., against £1,123 6s. 8d. in 1882, and £1,041 9s. 8d. in 1881. It will be seen that the advance made in Church extension effort in the Pres-

byteries of Bristol, Carlisle, Liverpool, and Manchester, has already begun to increase the obligations of the fund. Nevertheless the contributions from congregations tend to diminish rather than to increase, the amount received from this source in 1883 having been only £1,585 12s. 4d., against £1,775 8s. 5d. in 1882. No doubt the absence of any urgent appeals on account of this Fund, together with the pressure that has been experienced more or less in all Church Funds during the last year, goes so far to account for this. Nor has the matter proved serious so far as the present is concerned. Indeed, the position has been considerably eased through the falling in of a legacy of £1,000 left by the late Mrs. Parlane, of Manchester, though your Committee have felt it wise to bind themselves not to use more than £250 of this amount in any one year. It is obvious, however, that if Church extension is to go on with us, care must be taken not to allow the permanent revenue of this Fund, small at the best, to suffer any diminution.

In regard to two grants not clearly provided for in the Rules, your Committee request Synodical confirmation of the course taken by them.

The *first* of these was from the congregation of *St. Columba, Leeds*, where the Presbytery of Manchester represented a grant as absolutely necessary to enable them to carry on the congregation. Your Committee felt that they could only deal with the case as that of a congregation practically commencing *de novo*, and made a grant accordingly of £75, subject to special confirmation.

The *second* case was a direct application from the Presbytery of London for a grant of £50 for the congregation at *Bow Road*, to enable them to meet their responsibilities till the Presbytery should be able to complete their inquiries as to the best method of dealing with the congregation in the future. In this case also your Committee agreed to make the grant requested, subject to special confirmation.

A *third* application was made from the congregation of *Oxendon, London*; but this your Committee deemed it better to refer directly to the Synod, and a reference will be submitted accordingly in connection with this Report.

II.—CHURCH BUILDING AND DEBT EXTINCTION.

There has been unavoidable delay in the gathering of subscriptions for the new Fund. At last Synod it was reported that a beginning had been made in London, and arrangements had been made for following up the movement in Liverpool in November, but our friends there advised that the matter should be delayed till February. This involved delay also in other portions of the Church, as it was scarcely to be expected that the movement would succeed over the Church at large till some effective action had been taken in the two larger Presbyteries. However, not only Liverpool, but Manchester and Newcastle, have now been visited, and your Committee hope to undertake other parts of the Church during the ensuing year.

It is perhaps right that frank acknowledgment should be made that

this movement has not yet received the encouragement that had been anticipated, and that its future is matter of grave solicitude. Practically the financial results have been so far limited to London, where the amount subscribed is £5,266 5s. 6d. Nothing has as yet been subscribed outside London, though the Presbytery of Newcastle have accepted £5,000 as their fair share of the £25,000 aimed at. But £7,250 are necessary to meet the claims of congregations which have been already received provisionally on the Fund under one or other of its two sections, while several applications are waiting consideration, and not a few congregations are going forward in reliance on help from this Fund. Should the movement fail, the result will be, not simply a severe check on future Church extension, but the gravest inconvenience and embarrassment to not a few of our young and struggling congregations. In these circumstances your Committee request a special Conference to consider what steps may be expedient in the crisis that seems to have arisen.

The exact financial position at the close of 1883 was this:—

1. *The Church Building Fund* showed a credit balance of £1,707 6s. 11d. Against this there stand three unclaimed moieties of grants under the former scheme, amounting to £1,125, leaving an available balance of £582 6s. 11d. But against this seven congregations have been received on the Fund provisionally, involving claims to the amount of £5,250.

2. *The Aid and Loan Fund* showed a debit balance of £487 6s. 4d. To this must be added provisional grants, amounting to £1,300 in gifts and £700 in loans, as against loans repayable to the amount of £350.

Combining the two, the following statement will show the position of the Fund as a whole:—

			£	s.	d.
Credit Balance of Church Building Fund	...	...	1,707	6	11
Unpaid subscriptions	...	...	3,929	0	0
Loans repayable	...	...	350	0	0
			<hr/>		
			£5,986	6	11
Debit Balance of Aid and Loan Fund	...	487	6	4	
Three Unclaimed Moieties under former Scheme	1,125	0	0		
Provisional Church Building Grants	...	5,250	0	0	
Provisional Aid and Loan Grants	...	2,000	0	0	
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			8,862	6	4
			<hr/>		
Deficiency for Existing Claims	£2,875	19	5

III.—EVANGELISTIC WORK.

In last Report your Committee gave a detailed account of the work done in connection with one of our Congregational Missions, and expressed a purpose of giving similar statements in subsequent years. In consideration, however, of the full accounts given in the 'Messenger' of some of the most important Congregational Missions in the Church, it

has not been deemed expedient to go further in this direction. They confine themselves, therefore, to giving some account of the work reported by the various Presbyteries, together with some statistics of work done in connection with Congregational Missions throughout the Church.

Your Committee have this year more or less detailed reports from all the Presbyteries except Berwick and Northumberland. They have no doubt whatever that good Evangelistic work is also being done in the two Presbyteries named, in connection with individual congregations. They cannot but think, however, that it would be well if all the Presbyteries of the Church, without exception, took pains to have this class of work carefully watched over within its bounds, and such help and direction given as might seem necessary.

The following is a brief summary of the Reports furnished:—

1. The Presbytery of *Birmingham* report that special services for one or more weeks have been held during the past year at *Dudley*; *Hanley*; *New John Street, Birmingham*; *Nottingham*; and *Shrewsbury*. They also report that new ground is being broken in Evangelistic work of a more systematic and permanent character, at *Walsall* and at *Nottingham*, the latter already embracing a Sunday School with 170 names on the rolls.

The work at *Dudley* seems to have been peculiarly encouraging.

The attendance, especially of working men, was good, and a number of these became earnest inquirers after salvation, most of whom appear to have undergone a saving change. The special services were followed up by home visitation and tract distribution, by open-air services on Sundays and on two week-nights from April to September, together with an Evangelistic meeting in the school-room on Monday, and a praise meeting on Saturday, attended by an average of from twenty to thirty men, and in which they take part on the meeting being thrown open. Tea meetings for working men were also held on Whit Tuesday and Christmas Eve, the school-room being filled on both occasions. The results of the Mission and after-efforts have been very encouraging. A number of working men have been led to attend the church, and also to become abstainers; one whole family in particular, embracing a father and four sons, previously notorious drunkards, being now marked by a sober and consistent walk. The fruits have been gathered into Church membership. As a direct result of the work, seventeen sat down at the Lord's Table in midsummer for the first time, and six or eight more are at present applying for admission.

2. The Report of the Presbytery of *Bristol* only furnishes details in regard to four of its congregations.

Mr. Wood, of *Plymouth*, has had the opportunity of preaching to about 2,000 persons every Sabbath evening during the year in the Central Hall, in which the congregation worshipped during the rebuilding of the church. This was partly owing to the presence of the band of the 74th Highland Regiment.

At *Torquay* there is a special Evangelistic service conducted by the minister every Tuesday evening, in addition to the regular week-day service. *Gloucester*.—A fortnight's Evangelistic services were held in March,

and were attended with the Divine blessing. Also the young men belonging to the congregation have conducted services regularly every Sabbath evening in a neighbouring village, sometimes in the open air, at others in a room kindly lent for the evening. As the outcome of this special work a Mission-room is to be erected in the village at no distant date.

The *Cheltenham* congregation continues the good work in the little church at Gotherington with manifest signs of the Divine approval. During the summer months one of our own students was located there, and did a good work. Special Evangelistic services were also conducted there by Mr. Bain, the Evangelist, in the early part of the year.

3. The Report from the Presbytery of *Carlisle* is more brief than it was last year, and there is the less reason for giving details here, that the Report of the Synod Deputies in the Appendix does this very fully. Less has been done in the way of special services, which have been chiefly confined to *Brampton*; *Warwick Road, Carlisle*; and the two congregations at *Maryport*. But the ordinary agencies are reported as well maintained throughout the Presbytery. In connection with the congregation at *Harrington*, services are kept up on the Thursday evenings, alternately at Distington and High Harrington, a Mission Sabbath School being maintained in the first-mentioned place. A new hall has also been opened for Evangelistic and Sabbath School purposes in connection with the congregation at *High Street, Whitehaven*.

4. The *Darlington* Presbytery report that returns have been received from all the congregations within the bounds, showing the work done. As positive results of special services held—

Grimsby reports an ingathering of 25; *Towlaw* of 20; *West Hartlepool* of 4; *St. Andrew's, Stockton*, of 'several'; *Harrogate*, a slight increase of membership and not a few inquirers; *Holderness Road, Hull*, several professed decisions for Christ; while at *Whitby* the attendance was increasing nightly, there being a general feeling that the services should have been carried on another week; and though *Crook* reports that at Willington, where two special efforts were made, no case of decision could be pointed out, yet from the fact that 500 families had been visited and conversed with it may be expected that some good may result.

It is also reported that special services are being arranged for at *York, Redcar, and Newport Road, Middlesbro'*; while as regards regular Mission stations, *St. Andrew's, Stockton*; *Trinity, Middlesbro'*; *West Hartlepool*; *Prospect Street, Hull*; *Darlington*; and *Bishop Auckland*, all carry on Mission schools every Sabbath morning, each of the two first-named holding, in addition, a children's morning service in their respective Mission rooms.

5. From the Presbytery of *Liverpool* there is a very full and interesting report. It is stated that—

By far the greater number of our congregations are more or less engaged in mission efforts among the sunken classes of the community. In *Liverpool* and *Birkenhead*, including *Waterloo* on the one hand and *Rockferry* on the other, there are 23 congregations; 18 of these have adopted Mission districts, on which they devote a great amount of labour and a great deal of money to improve the temporal and spiritual good of their poorer brethren. One congregation (*Vaughall Road*) is entirely missionary in its character,

and of the other four, while they have not seen their way to set up special Missions in separate districts, they are nevertheless each in their own sphere doing something (some of them a great deal) to rescue the lapsed, and carry the Gospel to the neglected, by means of Mission Sabbath Schools and otherwise. Of the other congregations (outside Liverpool and Birkenhead) *Ramsey* has a Mission district, and all endeavour to reach the non-church-going classes by some means, such as tract distribution, temperance organisations, personal effort, and other agencies.

The returns from the various congregations, though incomplete, show the following results:—

1. No. of Sabbath services 32, aggregate attendance 2,766, varying from 14 (morning) to 450 (evening).
2. No. of week-day services 24, aggregate attendance 645.
3. No. of Mission Sabbath Schools 23, aggregate attendance 3,755.
4. No. of children's services 17, aggregate attendance 1,599.
5. Nature of agency: 2 Probationers, 5 Bible women, 8 Missionaries, 1 Medical Missionary, and many voluntary workers. There appears to be an increase of work done in the temperance cause. There are temperance organisations in almost all the congregations, or missions connected with them, under all the ordinary variety of denominations, such as Temperance Societies, Bands of Hope, Good Templar Lodges, Blue Ribbon Armies, Bands of Promise, &c. The brethren have not all been careful to give the numbers enrolled in these various societies, adult and juvenile respectively, but so far as stated, there are 13 adult societies with 810 members, and 26 juvenile with 2,127 members.

Reference is made in the report to the four weeks' mission of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, in Liverpool, which to some extent took the place of Presbyterian and congregational efforts of the same character. Nevertheless, good work has been done in this way, and several congregations report very substantial results in the ingathering of souls.

Special reference is also made to several well-organised Congregational Missions. Among these *Seacombe*, in connection with *Egremont* congregation, of which a detailed account was given in last Report, holds a foremost place. Of two other such Missions the following particulars are given:—

The Mission at *Earle Road*, in connection with *Sefton Park* Church, was commenced at the beginning of the year, and has prospered greatly from the outset. The Mission is under the charge of a probationer. The Sabbath services are attended by about 200 in the morning and 450 in the evening, the week-day service by seventy to eighty, and fifty have become communicants during the year. The Sabbath School has a roll of 560, and children's services are attended by 180 in the morning and 120 in the evening. There is a Temperance Society, with 313 on the roll, and a Band of Hope with 750. Their plans for agencies are not complete, but already there are thirty districts visited by ladies with the 'Monthly Visitor,' and everything augurs well for the prosperity of the Mission.

The Mission at *Hyslop Street* (*Canning Street* congregation) has already made a new start. A medical missionary has been recently engaged, whose work is well received. The Lord's Supper is about to be dispensed at the Mission. The minister in his return says, 'Every sort of agency is tried, and a large number under influence; the work has recently spread into (what has been called) "Squalid Liverpool," 44 mothers at mothers' meetings are

from streets marked as the worst, but are as hopeful as any from any other quarter, the visitors being well received.'

6. The Report from the Presbytery of *London* is more general in its scope, and does not summarise the work done throughout the congregations of the Presbytery. Special reference is made, however, to those fully-organised Missions in connection with the stronger congregations of the church of which we are now happily able to number so many, such as the Bell Street Mission, connected with *Marylebone* congregation; the Kilburn Mission, connected with *St. John's Wood*; the College Park and other Mission work of the *Willesden* congregation; the Hoxton Mission, connected with *Highbury*; the Leighton Road Mission, connected with *Camden Road*; and the three Missions conducted by the *Clapham* congregation, at Battersea, 'The Horns,' and Verulam Church. These, however, are far from representing the whole work done within the Presbytery. According to their strength and resources, nearly all the congregations are engaged in such work, some of the Extension charges being among the foremost, 'with great blessing to the congregations themselves.'

For special Evangelistic services, whether in connection with the regular congregation or their missions, the great want complained of is that of available men with special adaptation. This is especially felt in connection with the calls of the outlying congregations for assistance.

Our ministers are so fully taxed with their own congregational and Evangelistic operations as to be unable to spare the time for such Missions, and our laymen are too much occupied with city work to allow them to be from home for more than a day or two at the most. We are obliged, therefore, to resort to outside help, such as the Evangelisation Society.

Hence the question is again put forward, whether the time has not come when the Church should deliberately face the question of setting apart one or more ministers, with special Evangelistic gifts, to devote themselves wholly to this work. The opinion is expressed that if one who had the confidence of the Church could be induced to place his services at its disposal, it would be an unquestioned advantage.

Reference is also made to the work of Messrs. Moody and Sankey in London during last winter.

Judging from present appearances the valuable work of Messrs. Moody and Sankey in London, and the special methods of their operations, taken up as they are by eminent ministers and members of our Presbytery, have already told in a special degree to the advantage of religion and to the benefit of our churches located in the neighbourhood of their mission work.

The Report concludes:—

Altogether, the Evangelistic work of this Presbytery is such as to encourage the various congregations, and to augur well for the efforts made in the Presbytery to pursue with a patient continuance in well-doing the great work of the Evangelisation of the masses in our great cities.

7. The Report from the Presbytery of *Manchester* is again full and detailed, testifying to the great attention given by the Presbyterial Committee and its indefatigable convener to this work, and no less to

the cordiality with which the various congregations co-operate. It is matter of regret that the necessity of curtailing space makes it impossible to give details that in themselves are extremely interesting and important. The following is the summary of results given :—

Twenty adult weekly services, nineteen of which have an aggregate attendance of 1,075; seven children's services (five with an attendance of 505); eleven Mission Sunday Schools (six with an attendance of 539); 264 visitors or tract distributors, three congregations having distributed 44,250 tracts; eight mothers' meetings (five with a membership of 151); eleven cottage meetings (three with an average attendance of sixty-three); nine evening classes (eight with an aggregate attendance of 272); and five congregations have had special Evangelistic services, varying from six to fourteen days. There are also thirteen Dorcas Societies (ten having 175 members); Bands of Hope, the statistics of which are given by the Temperance Committee; and Savings Banks, five of which have about £500 deposited. There have been employed four missionaries, one Bible-woman, and a large number of voluntary helpers.

An interesting feature in this Report is the statement of the cost of the Mission Work thus carried on, as given by eleven of the congregations conducting it. This varies from £20 up to £250, the more fully equipped, and, consequently, more costly Missions being those of Grosvenor Square (£125), Coupland Street (£200), and Withington (£250).

Another interesting feature in the activity of the Manchester Committee is their United Annual Missionary Meeting in the interests of both Home and Foreign work. This was held last year in Grosvenor Square Church, and was addressed by Professor Legge, of Oxford; Mr. G. B. Bruce, of London; Dr. Maxwell, of Formosa; and Dr. Monro-Gibson, of London.

8. Your Committee regret the somewhat meagre character of the report from the Presbytery of *Newcastle*. The Presbyterial Committee seem to have restricted themselves very much to giving help, where asked, in special Evangelistic services. The only facts reported are that such services have been conducted in connection with *Trinity* and *Erskine* Churches, *Newcastle*; *Swalwell*; *Durham*; *Laygate*, *South Shields*; and *St. George's*, *Sunderland*. Your Committee would again express the hope that they may receive from this Presbytery in future years some account of the large and interesting work which they know is carried on in connection with a large proportion of its congregations.

Looking at the Presbyterial Reports as a whole, together with what your Committee know otherwise of the Evangelistic work done in the Church, they think that the abundant and earnest labours, in which so many of our office-bearers and people are regularly engaged in this great department, constitute perhaps the most hopeful feature in the present condition of the Church. Nor do they think that Presbyteries can be more appropriately engaged than in fostering and encouraging, and wisely regulating such activity.

The following return of work done in connection with Congregational

Missions throughout the Church will show that a large amount of earnest effort is being put forth in this work, and that a large body of persons are thus brought under religious teaching.

PRESBYTERIES	Attendance at Mission Services for Adults	Mission Sabbath Schools	
		No. of Schools	Attendance
Berwick	357	1	183
Birmingham	165	2	275
Bristol	90	2	126
Carlisle	327	7	549
Darlington	321	10	1081
Liverpool	2069	26	5512
London	4303	33	6920
Manchester	950	10	1088
Newcastle	1532	25	3010
Northumberland	211	1	90
Total	10325	117	18834

The grants made by your Committee for Evangelistic work in 1883 were as follows, viz :—

	£	s.	d.
I. To three Mission Churches.	107	10	0
II. „ five Preaching Stations	122	10	0
III. „ two Congregations for employment of Students in Mission work	40	0	0
IV. „ one Congregational Mission Station under Rule II. 3.	25	0	0
V. „ nine Congregations in Aid of Special Evangel- istic Services	32	4	10
VI. „ one Military Chaplain for Service to Militia	5	0	0
Total	332	4	10

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting a very encouraging mark of confidence in this Church, shown by a highly-respected deceased minister of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. They refer to the testamentary arrangements of the Rev. Dr. Robert Knox, of Belfast, in terms of which the residue of his estate, which may amount to about £5,000, is to be handed over to this Church for investment after the death of his widow, with a view to the employment of the income derived from the same 'in payment of an Evangelist, or Evangelists (not stated pastors), who shall labour in England and under the direction of the Supreme Court of this Church. The will also provides that the Synod shall at its first annual meeting after (apparently) the death of the testator, appoint Trustees in whom the money in question shall be vested when it shall become available.

IV.—SYNOD DEPUTIES.

In consequence of the inability of Dr. Grosart to fulfil his appointment as Synod Deputy, your Committee were under the necessity of requesting the services of the Rev. John Matheson, so as to enable them to make efficient arrangements. With this exception, the whole work has been done exactly as arranged at last Synod. The result will appear in the Appendix attached to this Report, in which the Deputies themselves describe their visits. Your Committee, however, have received abundant testimony to the benefit experienced by the congregations visited, and to the high appreciation of the work expressed by the Presbyteries concerned.

The Deputies deserve the special thanks of the Synod for their services in this matter. The Rev. R. H. Lundie and Mr. Francis Johnston were good enough to aid in the visitation both in the Presbytery of Carlisle and among the South Coast Congregations of the Presbytery of London. In view of the great importance of this work, it is suggested that the Synod follow the precedent of last year in arranging for the separate reception and consideration of these reports, as well as for specially commending to the grace of God the Deputies who may be appointed for the work next year. This might appropriately be combined with a general Conference on the State of Religion throughout the Church, at which brethren from different districts might give such information as they might be able to offer as to the progress of the Lord's work.

Your Committee suggest that the districts visited next year be the Presbytery of Birmingham, and the portion of the Presbytery of Newcastle lying north of the Tyne. They suggest as Deputies:—

Ministers—Revs. R. H. Lundie, John Matheson, J. T. McGaw,
Dr. A. B. Grosart, and Robert Taylor.

Elders—Rev. Dr. J. C. Bruce, with Messrs. F. Johnston, W. S. Wilkinson, and T. Bell.

It will be noticed that some of these brethren have already served for one year in this work, the remainder entering on it now for the first time, the object being the maintenance of the continuity of the work, on the one hand, and, on the other, the drawing into it by degrees of as large a proportion as possible of ministers and elders having adaptation for such work.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee by

GEO. B. BRUCE,
Convener.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF SYNOD DEPUTIES.

I. VISITATION OF PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE.

FIRST GROUP.

(Visited by Rev. WILLIAM FRASER and Mr. WM. SUTTON, from
24th September, 1883, to 1st October, both included.)

YOUR deputies had the pleasure of being associated with Mr. Thomas Bell in visiting *Warwick Road Church, Carlisle*. They found the congregation in a healthy and vigorous condition. The office-bearers, in conference, gave all the information required, and many of the people attended the public meeting and listened to the deputies with evident appreciation of the Church's concern for their welfare. This congregation continues to work its finance successfully under the 'weekly offering' system. It has good buildings and a large staff of office-bearers. It uses Evangelistic services and the monthly reports of tract distributors to ascertain who are open to visitation and appeal in its district of the town. Besides the Congregational Sabbath School, there are three meeting places (one, a mile and a half distant) where Sabbath Schools and Mission meetings are held. Young men and young women are formed into large Christian Associations. A tone of zeal and spiritual hopefulness prevails.

Haltwhistle has been the seat of a Presbyterian Church from the early years of last century. Through the withering influence of a mis-used ministry, many of the fathers and mothers of the families now in the district were led in their youth to prefer the services of other Churches. A variety of ministers has not succeeded in rallying the congregation to strength. The deputies conversed with the few office-bearers, and said what they could to cheer them and their pastor in discouraging circumstances. They advised the further use of Evangelistic services, as the only means that they could suggest to hinder further dissolution and to give the congregation a chance of life.

Harrington is an interesting recently sanctioned charge, formed by the labours of its present minister when he occupied a neighbouring charge. It is placed in a rising town, which affords scope for further Home Mission work among the sturdy mineral workers. There is a pleasant new church, free of debt, and there are adequate office-bearers, with a good Sabbath School. In another large village (one and a half mile distant), and in connection with the Temperance Reformers, who are acknowledged to have done much good there, the minister has shown marked energy. By the blessing of God this may prove a very valuable example of Church extension.

Workington congregation is of venerable age, but, except in part of its church-building, it shows youthful vigour. It passed through depressing times, but under the present ministry it is steadily growing

larger. When the deputies visited, a considerable extension of the schoolrooms built seven years ago was being made. Besides a good Congregational Sabbath School, there is a large Mission School in another part of the town. The minister goes to two villages (at three and five miles distance) and conducts week-evening meetings, with good attendances. Supported by earnest office-bearers, the minister is desirous to increase the spiritual influence of the congregation in a large and needy community, and for this end the deputies spoke encouragingly. Mr. Sutton visited the Sabbath Schools, and addressed the congregation at the evening service on the following Sabbath.

Cleator Moor congregation is placed among teeming thousands of coal and ironstone miners. The deputies visited it on an inclement night, and had not thus the opportunity to stimulate many to the labour that such a district needs. Sunday is not a day of pleasuring or riot, but, as in other mining centres, it is too much a day of toil. The congregation has the usual appliances of office-bearers, Sunday School teachers, &c. As dwelling somewhat apart in the hill country, the deputies advised a trial of the stimulating power of good Evangelistic visitors.

Mr. Fraser preached to the congregations and the schools in *Whitehaven* on Sunday. These are reported on by other visitors, and he concurs in their hearty satisfaction with the Market Place congregation and its school, and in their regret for the condition in which they found the High Street congregation and its interesting Sabbath School.

The deputies join with their fellow-deputies in thanking the Presbytery of Carlisle, not only for much personal kindness and hospitality, but specially for the frank and full conference at the close of the visitation, in which they received and discussed in full court the impressions formed of each congregation, with evident desire to use the Synod's appointment for the furtherance of the Church's spiritual life and usefulness.*

WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM SUTTON.

SECOND GROUP.

(Visited by the Rev. WILLIAM DALE and Mr. F. JOHNSTON, assisted at Fisher Street, Carlisle, by the Rev. R. H. LUNDIE, and at High Street, Whitehaven, by Mr. THOMAS BELL.)

BEGINNING on September 24th and ending on September 28th, the above-named deputies visited the following congregations of the Carlisle Presbytery:—Fisher Street, Carlisle; Bewcastle; Crosby Street, Maryport; High Street, Whitehaven; and Great Salkeld. On the following Sunday (September 30th) Mr. Dale returned to Maryport, and preached to good congregations in the two churches there, besides addressing in the afternoon a most interesting united meeting of the Sunday Schools belonging to the two congregations. On October 1st Mr. Dale joined the Rev. William Fraser and Messrs. Bell and Sutton at a conference with the Presbytery in Carlisle, largely attended by ministers and

* Detailed statements in connection with each congregation have been furnished to the Home Mission Committee for future reference.

representative elders, at which the deputies fully and frankly stated the impressions they had formed of the condition and work of the congregations they had visited.

The deputies desire cordially to acknowledge the great kindness with which they were everywhere received, and to express their pleasure at the interest which their visits seemed to awaken. Their conferences with the office-bearers of the various churches were pleasant; and the congregational meetings, although thinned (except on the Sunday) by the storms of the week, were hearty and stimulating; and ministers and office-bearers were alike hopeful that benefit would result from the kindly token of the Church's warm interest in all her congregations afforded by this friendly visitation in the Synod's name.

The congregations of this group occupy most diverse fields:—a cathedral city, stirred out of dulness by the fact of being also an important railway centre, and by the presence of some thriving industries; two towns, the bustling seats of large works of various kinds; and thinly-peopled and hilly rural districts. As might be expected, our churches differ greatly in strength and success.

There do not appear to be any exceptional obstacles to the prosperity of the town congregations within the bounds of this Presbytery. It is true that in such places as Maryport and Whitehaven the population fluctuates considerably, affected by the varying fortunes of the iron trade, on which they so largely depend. It is also true that there is much indifference to religious things in these towns. But such hindrances are encountered, and to some extent overcome, elsewhere as well as here. And in our northern districts the neighbourhood of Scotland (and also of the North of Ireland) is a distinct advantage to our churches, securing, as it does, a large element of Scottish and Ulster Presbyterianism in the people amongst whom they are planted, although unhappily very many of these immigrants are 'lapsed Presbyterians.'

In the rural districts of Cumberland, on the other hand, our congregations are small, and perhaps cannot be otherwise. The population is sparse, and our methods of work do not seem flexible enough to meet the necessities of widely scattered peoples. Not a few of our members are six or eight miles from their churches, and in these uplands floods and snows frequently make it extremely difficult for them to travel so far, and of course the young children can seldom be brought from such distances. (As an illustration of what may occur under present arrangements, it may be mentioned that at Bewcastle, not long ago, on three consecutive Lord's Days storms of rain made the roads impassable, only five or six people assembled, and no regular service could be held.)

If we are to make due provision for the spiritual interests of our adherents in these districts, and if, above all, we are to provide as we should for the careful religious training of their children, we must devise ways and means for the holding of Sunday services and Sunday Schools not alone at one church in the centre of a circle many miles in diameter, but at other places also, near enough to each hamlet and farmplace to ensure that the little congregations and the children's classes could meet without much difficulty at all times of the year.

The deputies learned with much satisfaction that the Presbytery of Carlisle is entitled to a place of honour in regard to its interest in the cause of temperance. Its ministers are probably the only body of ministers in the land (except, it is said, the ministers of a Highland Presbytery of the Free Church of Scotland) all of whom are abstainers. Nor is it surprising that they should feel constrained to take up this position. Everywhere, in town and country alike, the same story was told us, of a multitude of public-houses, even beyond what is common, with all the inevitable miseries and hindrance to Christian work.

The deputies think it right to add one more general observation. Perhaps owing to their remoteness from the various Synodical meeting places, and from having their energies somewhat heavily taxed by local burdens, our congregations in the Presbytery are not as much interested in the Missions and other schemes of the Church as is desirable even for their own sakes. Two congregations contribute to no Synodical scheme except Foreign Missions, and only two give some help to all the enterprises for which the Synod appoints annual collections.

NOTES TO FOREGOING REPORT.

CARLISLE: Fisher Street.—(*Visited September 24, by Messrs. Lundie, Dale, and Johnston.*)

Excellent conference with the office-bearers, and interesting meeting with congregation, though the numbers at the latter meeting were somewhat small. The city has a population of 35,000, and is fairly prosperous. It seems well supplied with places of worship. Much Evangelistic work is done by the Young Men's Christian Association (many of whose members belong to the Fisher Street Church). Other agencies (Churches and associations) also busily prosecute mission work in different parts of the town. Temperance missions have been recently conducted with success. Fisher Street Church (originated, it is believed, in 1662) is vigorous and happy, under an enthusiastic and able minister. The church, seated for 570, must soon be enlarged. A handsome and commodious hall, with numerous classrooms round about it, is being built for the Sunday School, at a cost of £1,200, which is all subscribed.

The elders visit their districts quarterly. The week evening service is small, attended by about 35. The elders take part in conducting it. The minister's Bible Class two or three years ago was large. It has dwindled from 90 to about 9 since Mr. Christie adopted the Higher Instruction scheme of study and set himself to prepare his young people for the spring examination. There is a large Congregational Sunday School (nearly 400 scholars); a Mission Sunday School with 150 scholars; a mothers' meeting in the Mission Hall; a week-evening meeting in another district. Almost all the elders are Sunday School teachers. Most of the teachers (45 in number) are members of the Church. There is a large Band of Hope connected with the Congregational Sunday School. A new station is being opened at Silloth under the care of the Fisher Street Session, with excellent prospects. The Reyner Trustees have just given a grant of £10 towards its support.

BEWCASTLE.—(*Visited September 25, by Mr. Dale and Mr. Johnston.*)

The meeting took the shape of a conference with the office-bearers and the people, preceded by a sermon. The weather was very unfavourable, and

the attendance small. The church is in the centre of a country parish with a population of 1,000; but some of the Presbyterian families live miles beyond the limits of the parish, their attendance being therefore irregular. The only other church in the neighbourhood, the Episcopalian, is at the farther end of the parish. The church is more than 90 years old, a substantial building, but somewhat dingy. Attendance at the one service on a fine summer day, sometimes as many as 150. In winter it often drops to 20, or even less. There is no week-evening service (no village being near the church). On Sunday evenings the young minister holds cottage-meetings, weather permitting, in different parts of the district, with encouraging attendances. There is only one elder, two having died last year. The three managers visit the congregation quarterly for the Sustentation Fund. There is a Sunday School held in the church, with 40 scholars on the roll. During the summer months the minister conducts a Bible Class after the service; 17 at present on the roll. To assist Mr. Mossman in a most praiseworthy effort to make the manse a comely and comfortable house, the Reyner Trustees have just given a grant of £20.

MARYPORT: Crosby Street.—(*Visited September 26, by Mr. Dale and Mr. Johnston.*)

In the evening there was a hurricane of wind and rain. Nine office-bearers at the first meeting; about 60 were present at the congregational meeting.

Population of town 8,000, besides outlying population of 2,000 more. There is a considerable shipping trade, chiefly in connection with the iron-works, which are numerous in and near the town. There is a large non-church-going class. There are 40 public-houses in Maryport; but a Blue Ribbon mission last winter resulted in the taking of 1,000 pledges. The congregation dates from 1820, the church having been built in 1831. The minister, Mr. Craig, was ordained here in 1851, and is much respected and loved. The Sunday evening attendance is upwards of 200—double the morning attendance. At the week-evening service some of the elders give the address in turn. The meeting with the deputies was preceded and followed by special services, covering the entire week. It was hoped that the week's meetings would quicken the congregation.

Mission work is carried on in the town by an undenominational society. Our ministers assist. The work has been much blessed. The Congregational Sunday School has an attendance of 100 children. A Mission Sunday School at one of the ironworks has 40 children. The two superintendents are elders, and most of the 27 teachers are members of the Church. There are, besides, interesting Bible Classes, taught by the minister and by an elder and his wife. The elders visit the sick. Two ladies visit the poor and aged; and eight ladies visit for the Sustentation Fund. Watts's Hymns have hitherto been used in public worship, probably after having been given up in favour of some modern collection of hymns by every other congregation of any denomination in England. 'Church Praise' has now, however, been introduced. The congregation suffers from the frequent depressions in the iron trade; and it was represented to the deputies that when work is scarce and wages low it is not uncommon to find families ceasing to attend church because they are no longer able to pay the quarterly pew-rents, while they cannot brook the idea of using sittings for which they have not paid. It is understood that aid-receiving congregations are required by the Sustentation Fund rules to make pew-rents part of their income. It is a fair question for consideration whether under proper conditions (to pro-

teet the Sustentation Fund) congregations might not be allowed to make trial of the system of free sittings, where the office-bearers are aware that inability to pay pew-rents is a frequent cause of lapsing from church attendance.

WHITEHAVEN : High Street.—(*Visited September 27, by Mr. Dale and Mr. Bell.*)

Thousands of the townspeople never enter any place of worship, and many of these are Scotchmen and Ulstermen : enough of Presbyterians by birth, now making no profession of religion, to crowd our two churches, if it were possible to lay hold of them. Here also (as in Maryport) a Town Mission carries on an Evangelistic work with some success, while several of the churches in the town have missions of their own. High Street congregation originated in 1749. The present church was built in 1766, and is in need of some repairs.

The deputies were greatly distressed at the condition of this congregation. They learned that some work was going on amongst the children : a Sunday School with 90 children ; a Children's Church on Sunday morning, with an attendance of 50 or 60 ; a Band of Hope with 70 members ; a Children's Singing Class on a week evening ; two Bible Classes. But there was virtually no adult congregation. Together with the great bulk of the members, the managers had almost all ceased to attend public worship.

The minister has since resigned, and the deadlock has thus been ended. Under a new pastorate it is hoped that the congregation may enjoy greater prosperity.

GREAT SALKELD.—(*Visited September 28, by Mr. Dale.*)

A pleasant conference with one elder and three managers. About 20 present at the meeting with the congregation.

Great Salkeld is a small parish in a beautiful district, five or six miles north-east of Penrith. The population of the parish is 500, and besides our church there are Episcopalian and Wesleyan places of worship. The Presbyterian church has an interesting history. The old place of worship, still standing, was built in 1709, and the congregation was formed a great many years earlier. The minister at the beginning of the present century, the Rev. T. Nelson, minister here for nearly 40 years, was the grandfather of three of the present office-bearers. Mr. Nelson came from Alston Moor, fifteen or sixteen miles distant, where he had been one of our ministers for 25 years, and where at that time there were several Presbyterian churches, none of which now survive. The congregation worship in a pretty little church, built a few years ago, chiefly through the liberality of the Nelson family.

Great Salkeld is now a preaching station, under the superintendence of our minister at Penrith.

The probationer stationed at Great Salkeld conducts an occasional service at Plumpton, a few miles distant, where also there was formerly a regular Presbyterian congregation. The work is on a very limited scale. Sunday morning congregation, 30 ; evening congregation fully 40 ; a Sunday School with 16 scholars ; no week-evening service, though the church is in a village of some size. Sometimes cottage-meetings in the outlying parts of the district. It is, of course, out of the question to think of settling a minister over this small people. But a minister, with the help of a little band of 'local preachers,' holding regular services at Great Salkeld, Plump-

ton, and two or three other suitable places in the tract of country towards Alston Moor, or say two ministers, with their head-quarters at Penrith, and 8 or 9 stations on all sides of Penrith, might soon be at the head of a large and vigorous Presbyterian 'circuit,' self-supporting and aggressive. At present, our causes at Great Salkeld and Penruddock only hang on; at Plumptre, Presbyterianism is expiring. In large districts, like Alston Moor, where Presbyterian Churches were once numerous and prosperous, we have been supplanted by more elastic organisations. And the future will be like the past unless we succeed in adapting ourselves better to the wants of such localities.

WILLIAM DALE.
FRANCIS JOHNSTON.

THIRD GROUP.

(Visited by the Revs. JOHN MATHESON and R. H. LUNDIE, with Mr. THOMAS BELL, Synod Deputies, September 25th to 30th, 1883.)

Brampton, 25th September.—Visited by Rev. R. H. Lundie and Mr. Thomas Bell. The deputies had a very pleasant meeting with the minister and office-bearers in the church, at 7 p.m., and information as to the state of the congregation and of the district generally was freely given.

The parish is mainly agricultural, the population being about 4,000, of whom nearly 3,000 are resident in the town of Brampton. The population is said to be fairly church-going. There are no special local hindrances to the advancement of the Gospel. The Temperance cause has recently been very active, and drunkenness has diminished.

Evangelistic services were held for a week early in the year, and the minister has an occasional service at Milton, a village about two miles distant. Through these some have been brought into church connection, and children sent to the Sunday school.

The church was founded in 1662. The present building was erected in 1854, largely through the beneficence of Robert Barbour, Esq., that venerated friend of our Church, and is a very comfortable structure, and in good repair. The Old Church is retained for Sunday School purposes. The title deeds of the property are in the hands of the minister, and the deputies suggested that it would be well to have them sent to London, and deposited with other church deeds in the safe depository which has been provided. There are six elders and four managers. The congregation is not divided into districts, but the elders occasionally visit members with tokens previous to the Communion. The deputies recommended that this should be remedied, and that each elder should have a district specially assigned to him, and for the care of which he should be responsible. The congregation is regularly visited by the minister. The people are regular in their attendance on ordinances; the attendance on Sunday morning being 90, and in the evening 100. There is a week-evening service held on Thursday, which is conducted by the minister, the average attendance at which is 18. Family prayer is not general.

There is no Young Men's Association connected with the congregation. The minister conducts a Bible Class during the winter months, the attendance at which is about twelve. Nothing has been done in connection with the Higher Instruction scheme.

There is one Sunday School in connection with the congregation, with 112 children on the roll, and an average attendance of 85. Of the 10 teachers, five are members of the church. The superintendent is an elder, but the Session take no special charge of the school. The deputies suggested that it would be well if the Session appointed one or more of their number to visit the schools, say quarterly, and they also recommended that the teachers should meet to go over the lessons, and that at the close of the school they should remain and have a short meeting for prayer. There is no special provision for the young in the ordinary service of the sanctuary.

The congregation has increased during the last two years.

The deputies met with the congregation at 8 P.M., and though the night was very wet and stormy, there was a fairly good attendance. The congregation seemed to be, on the whole, in a healthy state, and hopeful as to the future.

John Street, Maryport, congregation visited on 26th September, by Messrs. Matheson and Bell.—Received a cordial welcome from the ministers and office-bearers, who frankly answered all the questions which the deputies were required to put. The congregation is a comparatively small one; the attendance on Sunday mornings averages 120, and in the evenings 200. The church is seated for 320. The week-evening services are attended by about 20 on an average. The minister is very assiduous in pastoral visitation, going over the flock about once a quarter. The Sabbath School, a congregational one, is well organised, attended by about 100 children with 14 teachers—all church members, and is addressed every Sunday by the minister, who also preaches a special sermon to the children once a quarter. The minister's Bible Class of young men and young women has an attendance of 16, but is not in connection with the Synod's Committee on the Higher Instruction of Youth. The deputies were glad to find that there has been not only an increase in the membership since Mr. Eades' settlement over the congregation, but some hopeful indications of growing life among them. It is feared that family worship is neglected by many. This subject, with that of Missions, is occasionally brought before the congregation on the Lord's Day. Owing to the exceptionally stormy evening, the attendance of the congregation to meet the deputies was very small.

Market Place, Whitehaven, congregation visited on 27th September, by Messrs. Matheson and Bell.—Met with a very friendly reception. Found the congregation well-organised and well-worked. The Church is a very comfortable building, with a lecture-hall and large school-room attached. The attendance on Lord's Day is good, rather larger in the morning than in the evening. The Communion is dispensed once a quarter, and Communion cards are given by the elders to members at their homes. A well-attended prayer meeting is held every Sunday evening after the usual service, which has been kept up for upwards of 35 years. There is a Monday evening prayer meeting conducted by the

minister and elders, with a small attendance. The week evening service on Wednesday evening has an attendance averaging 30. A Mission service is conducted every Sunday evening at Moresby Park, three miles from Whitehaven, by one of the office-bearers, and every alternate Tuesday evening by Mr. Mackay. The minister's Bible Class is well attended, and at the last examination by the Higher Instruction Committee, eleven presented themselves, and all passed. The congregational Sabbath School is superintended by one of the elders, and seems to be well-conducted, and a Mission school is under the superintendence of one of the managers. There seems to be a good deal of attention given to the Psalmody. Family prayer is believed to be pretty generally observed in the evening, not so general in the morning. There have been, of late, some cases of hopeful conversion among the young. There was a very considerable representation of the congregation assembled in the church to hear what the deputies had to say in the way of counsel and encouragement in regard to the state of matters in Whitehaven. Generally, the deputies found that there is a great deal of Sabbath desecration and much drunkenness. Out of a population of 20,000, it is calculated that 5,000 are non-churchgoers, and that there are about 130 public-houses in the town, or something like one to every 150 of the inhabitants, men, women, and children. The church accommodation is about 10,000 sittings. It is supposed that a fifth of the population consists of Irish. Special Evangelistic services have been held by the various Nonconformist Ministers, which were largely attended, some of the meetings numbering 1,000. There are Bands of Hope fairly well supported; but the Blue Ribbon Mission secured only about 900 adherents. A Young Men's Christian Association is in the course of formation with good promise.

Penrith, 28th September.—Mr. Matheson visited this congregation, and found that special care had been taken to secure a good meeting, for, after conference with the minister and office-bearers, he found almost the whole congregation assembled in the church, notwithstanding a wet night. The whole work of the church seems well looked after. The elders have districts assigned to them. The Lord's Supper is dispensed three times a year, and Communion cards are distributed by the elders in their districts. Considering the size of the congregation, the Sunday attendance is very good, better in the morning than in the evening, as the people from the country come in the morning. The attendance at the Wednesday week-evening service is small. The congregation is regularly visited by the minister. Family prayer is rather neglected it is feared. The minister's Bible Class is not large; six went up for examination under the Higher Instruction of Youth Committee, and one passed. There is a congregational Sunday School, superintended by one of the elders, and a Mission Sunday School has lately been commenced which is likely to do good. The minister used to preach to the children occasionally on the Sunday afternoons, but now he has to preach every Sunday afternoon at Penruddock. Mr. Tannahill also conducts a Mission service every Monday evening at the Town Head, and once a month in a country district. These Mission services are well attended. There have been among the young some tokens for good, which have

cheered the minister's heart. As to the town itself, the great sin is drunkenness and Sabbath profanation. In a population of 8,000, there are at least 1,200 non-churchgoers, while there are about 4,800 sittings in the various churches and chapels, besides 1,000 sittings in the Salvation Army Hall. Special Evangelistic services have been held by all the ministers of the town during the year, and were all well attended, and with some apparent good results, and the Salvation Army had produced a good deal of excitement. There are two or three Bands of Hope, well supported, and the Blue Ribbon Mission gained 300 members. A Young Men's Christian Association has been in existence for more than a year, and a young women's one is in the course of formation, both with much promise. There is one special hindrance to the Gospel in the yearly inspection of the Yeomanry with their Sunday drill. This is a yearly source of much mischief in the place, especially among the young.

Penruldock, 28th September.—Visited by Mr. Bell. This is a small hamlet about eight miles from Penrith. Within a radius of three miles there is a population of about 600. Drunkenness does not prevail to any marked extent, nor does there appear to be any special hindrance to the Gospel.

The parish church is at some distance from the village, but the Rector holds service in the school-room. The Wesleyan Circuit send a preacher occasionally, who preaches in the open air, and a Scripture-reader, paid by a fund left by Mr. George Moore, occasionally visits the place.

The Presbyterian Church has existed there about 200 years.

The present building was erected about 100 years ago. It has a small graveyard around it. The church is comfortably seated, and is capable of containing about 100 people.

There is a small endowment of about £20 a year.

There are five managers, but no elders; and there is no resident preacher. The station has been considered very much as a pendicle to the church in Penrith, whose minister, Mr. Tannahill, has, since the discontinuance of a resident preacher, come out every Sunday afternoon and held a service, at which the average attendance has lately been about fifty. There is no week-day service. Mr. Tannahill occasionally visits the people.

There is a Sunday School, with twenty to thirty scholars, taught by three teachers.

There is also a class for young women, attended by about thirty, and conducted by a lady.

The Communion is dispensed very irregularly. Until an opportunity was afforded recently, there had been no observance of the ordinance for three years, and no opportunity is given to young persons to offer themselves for church membership.

Such being the case it is small wonder that the people seem somewhat cold and indifferent towards religion. This indifference is shown in this, amongst other ways, that they seem indisposed to contribute towards the maintenance of ordinances; the endowment referred to above seems a snare to them in this respect. A recent effort to get them to

contribute towards support of ordinances caused several to discontinue attendance. I dealt with them on this matter, and I do not doubt that this would be, in measure, overcome, if the station were placed on a different footing. I do not think it can ever become a sanctioned charge. But it ought to be maintained as a Preaching Station under the direct charge of Presbytery. There may be some convenience in keeping it attached to Penrith, but the Presbytery ought to take a more direct interest in it than it appears to have done hitherto. A preacher ought to be stationed there to conduct services on the Sabbath, and, generally, to look after the people. And if the ministerial members of Presbytery were to take it in turn to visit the place, and to dispense ordinances, an interest in the place would be created on their part, and by God's blessing the people would be quickened. Elders also, within the Presbytery's bounds, might with advantage visit the place occasionally. The people showed a willingness to hear the Word, and a desire for some more satisfactory arrangement than has obtained hitherto.

A small grant from the Home Mission Committee may be necessary, and a grant may also be got from the Lady Hewley Trustees.

Silloth, 29th September.—Along with the Revs. James Christie and John Matheson, Messrs. Sutton and Bell visited this place, and met with a number of the adherents, and looked out a suitable site for the church. There is evidently a great deal of heartiness and zeal among the people, and the station is full of promise.

Carlisle, 30th September.—Mr. Matheson preached in the morning in the Fisher Street Church, and in the evening in the Warwick Road Church, to large congregations, and along with Mr. Bell visited the congregational Sunday Schools of the two congregations, and found them largely attended and admirably conducted. They also visited the Mission Sunday School of Fisher Street Church, but had no time to visit the Mission Sunday School of Warwick Road Congregation.

R. H. LUNDIE.
JOHN MATHESON.
THOMAS BELL.

II. VISITATION OF SOUTH COAST CONGREGATIONS OF PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

FIRST GROUP.

(Visited by the Rev. R. H. LUNDIE and Mr. ROBERT AMOS.)

The plan adopted by the deputies was to meet first with the office-bearers and then with the congregations. The attendance of office-bearers and members was good in all cases. The deputies were warmly received, and all required information was most readily confided to them. They have reason to believe that the tangible evidence given by the visit of the deputies of the interest taken by the Church at large in the progress and welfare of the several congregations, was much appreciated. Several of the congregations visited are of recent formation and

are of mixed composition. In these the deputies encouraged parties to complete their church organisation, and realise their oneness with the Synod. At the same time they were refreshed by the tokens of spiritual life and progress. As the deputies spent a Sabbath at Brighton, Mr. Lundie preached to both our congregations there. The deputies visited the Congregational and Mission Schools of Queen's Road, and in the evening Mr. Amos addressed a meeting in the Mission Hall of said Church. At the close of their work the deputies reported on the same to the Presbytery, who expressed their satisfaction with the report given.

St. Leonard's-on-Sea.—This young congregation is full of promise. It is largely composed of those who were not Presbyterians before joining it. It is planted in a town where the amount of church-going and of outward respectability is exceptionally great. The congregation is gradually getting into line with the other congregations of the Church. It is hoped soon to start a Sustentation Fund Association and to interest the people in all the enterprises of the Synod. A fine spirit prevails among the people. There was indicated as one outcome of the visit, a desire to take up some Mission work in 'Bohemia' or some other needy district in the neighbourhood. The great drawback to the welfare and usefulness of the congregation is found in the debt of no less than £6,500 which presses upon it. The members of it are loyal and liberal, and would not shrink from a debt of £3,000 or £4,000, but they hesitate to undertake so large a responsibility as that named. They are deserving of liberal support from friends in London and elsewhere. If their hands were tolerably free they would doubtless become valuable supporters of Home and Foreign work.

Silver Hill.—This congregation, which had its origin at first in Mission work without any view to permanence, is somewhat unfavourably situated. Though in close proximity to St. Leonard's, it is planted among a limited population of comparatively humble position. It may not be expected for some time to be numerous, however well worked by its faithful minister. But the manifest growth of St. Leonard's in the direction of Silver Hill gives promise of gradual improvement. Yet much good work has been done, and that amid a population whose need is great. The employment of many women, who are mothers of families, in laundry work, often in groups, and for hours extending from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M., results in the neglect of children, and their consequent growth in idleness and vice. Hence extreme difficulty has been found in dealing with the older children both in the Sabbath School and Bible Class. The latter has been broken up through their insubordination. There is in this a very grave social feature of the population of the district which demands the attention not only of the Church but of all philanthropic inhabitants.

Eastbourne.—The efforts of our Church here have been crowned with remarkable success under the guidance of a minister who is held in high appreciation, not only in the congregation, but throughout the town, and by visitors, not a few of whom testify to spiritual benefit received during visits paid to Eastbourne in search of bodily health. Something still remains to be done in the congregation in the way of extended sympathy with the Church as well as in the support of all its schemes.

But it is hoped that this end will speedily be attained. The church debt has been materially reduced, and thus the congregation are left more at liberty for Christian effort beyond themselves. It would have been an advantage had the church been larger, as it cannot contain all those that desire to worship there during 'the season.' The school-room is insufficient in size for the purposes of a congregation like this. The methods employed for interesting and retaining the young are worthy of special mention. In connection with the Sabbath School is a class of 23 youths, the average of whose ages is eighteen, and a similar one of somewhat younger girls. For the former a Young Men's Debating Society is held during the week, and a Drawing Class without fees, taught by a certificated teacher; and for the latter a weekly Sewing Meeting, which last year yielded £30 for philanthropic objects. These agencies seem to supply the 'missing link' between the School and the Church. They are greatly aided by members of the church occasionally entertaining the members of the classes at their houses.

Lewes.—The old town is somewhat stereotyped in its character, there being little influx or change of population. In these circumstances growth in our Church is not easily attained. But good work is being done in the congregation. Circulars have occasionally been issued by the office-bearers, urging regular church-attendance and similar matters. The congregation contribute with special liberality to Foreign Missions. The late minister succeeded in awakening a peculiar interest in this scheme—an interest which is fully maintained under the present minister. The deputies were much encouraged by the kindly appreciation shown of this visit, and by the expressed expectation that in consequence Mission effort amongst the careless around would forthwith be commenced.

Trinity, Brighton.—This Church pursues its steady course; but a great obstacle in the way of healthful activity within and usefulness without is found in the absence of any hall or school-room connected with the church. There is a good vestry, in which small meetings can be held; but a hall is absolutely necessary. In consequence of this want there is no Sabbath School, and, except in the Dorcas Society, which meets in the vestry, workers have not work in the congregation. Valuable workers, however, are supplied to the Y. M. C. A. and other useful agencies. In the forenoon the church attendance is good; but it appears to be interfered with in the evening by the dinner-hour which prevails in the boarding-houses and the town generally. There are weekly lectures given by the minister on Wednesday evenings on the 'Pilgrim's Progress,' with a highly encouraging attendance.

Queen's Road, Brighton.—Vigorous work is done among the young of the congregation, and also of the Mission district in which work is carried on. The lowest class is reached by those engaged in the Mission district. The work requires a much larger Mission hall than the only one which at present can be secured. The various enterprises of the congregation are carried on with much energy. The deputies found a singular financial system in operation. There are no seat rents. Sitters are supposed, for that reason, to give more largely through the medium of the weekly offering. Special collections are also cast into

this miscellaneous 'bag,' and what is above—if there is anything above—the average weekly collection, is given to the specified object. The deputies think this an unsatisfactory system, not favourable to an intelligent and discriminating support of the Synodical schemes and other special objects. It has, however, long existed, and may not admit of speedy alteration.

General Memorandum on Trinity and Queen's Road.—Regarding these two Churches as supplying ordinances to Presbyterian and Presbyterially disposed dwellers in Brighton, the deputies cannot regard their positions as advantageous. The town runs along the coast for three miles, and the two Presbyterian Churches are in one street about the centre, and within four minutes' walk of one another. Any good opportunity should be seized for altering this state of things. There appears to be an opening for a Church in the West end of Brighton.

The deputies lay down their commissions with a grateful sense of the kindness of the reception accorded to them, and with the conviction confirmed that a valuable work may be accomplished by means of Synodical visitation.

R. H. LUNDIE.
ROBERT AMOS.

SECOND GROUP.

(Visited by the Rev. JOHN SMITH and Mr. F. JOHNSTON.)

In giving a short narrative of our visit to the congregations assigned to us, we desire, at the outset, gratefully to mention the hearty reception we received in every congregation, and to express our thanks for abounding private hospitality. It may be of some use likewise, briefly to mention such general considerations as reflection on our work has since brought to light. The five congregations visited by us were found to be substantially English in character. In all, only a minority belonged to the Presbyterian stock, and in one or two the minority was small. We found, however, on the part of those who had come in from other churches, a growing attachment to Presbyterian order and government; only, in the measure in which the English element predominated, there was manifested a desire for some change in the form of service, so as to assimilate it to what many had been accustomed to in other churches. Another fact became evident to us as we passed from church to church. On account of its relation to the past, Presbyterianism occupies a middle position between Episcopacy and Nonconformity, nearer to both than they are to each other,—a fact of more moment mayhap than we can now imagine.

We were greatly cheered by coming across so many elements of promise for the future in congregations lying somewhat out of the main stream of national life. If we may mention drawbacks or hindrances, we would particularly cite these. All the Churches feel their isolation and envy the occasional gatherings of other ecclesiastical bodies. While one or two Churches are engaged in mission work, the majority are tasked by the burden of maintaining corporate existence, and must leave direct aggressive work to the Episcopal, Methodist, and Congregationalist

Churches. We were especially impressed with the immense difficulty created by debt. Two of the congregations we visited are well nigh strangled by it. It is greatly to be desired that some plan could be devised, by which newly-formed congregations could be left free from money embarrassments, in the first years of their history, to throw their whole energies into aggressive Christian work. After all, it is the Spirit of God who confers, by His presence and power, on any congregation the grandest form of visibility.

We began our work on Tuesday, February 5th, at Bournemouth. After a very satisfactory meeting with the office-bearers in the manse, at which only one of the deputies could be present, we had the privilege of attending the annual meeting, and thus ascertaining for ourselves the precise condition of the congregation. We found that the whole working of the Church was in a most satisfactory state. During a great part of the year the church is crowded at morning service, and the only difficulty in the way of increasing the attendance is inability, from the nature of the site, to enlarge the building. The same difficulty limits the attendance at the Sabbath School. It is to be hoped that some way may be found of removing this merely physical obstacle to the growth of the Church, so that even more than in the past it may be a spiritual power in Bournemouth. A special feature of our minister's work is visitation of the invalids connected with the Presbyterian Church from all parts of Britain, and in this work he has had many tokens of the Master's presence and blessing. In memory of their late senior pastor, the Rev. Mr. Makgill, whose saintly character and devoted labours endeared him, not only to his own people, but to the whole religious community, the congregation is at present engaged in building a mission hall and missionary's house in a poorer part of the town, and their missionary has already gathered together an audience of 100 in a temporary place of worship.

Totton.—We visited this place on Wednesday, February 6th, and found a good gathering of office-bearers. The peculiar circumstances of the congregation were explained to us with the utmost frankness by the Rev. Mr. Johnston. From his statements and those of his office-bearers we learned that the congregation was small, the average morning attendance being sixty, the Wednesday evening audience from ten to twenty, and the number of Sabbath School children sixty. There thus seemed hardly scope for the undivided energies of a minister so vigorous as Mr. Johnston, who accordingly had occupied himself with public tuition in Southampton. Though living, however, in the latter city, at a distance of some miles from his church, he had visited regularly, and seemed to be scrupulous in his attention to all the duties of his office. At the same time, while we recognised the efficiency with which the cause was maintained, we saw that in Totton, containing a population of 3,000 within a radius of a mile, and in the villages clustering thickly around, there was room for evangelistic and church extension work which would tax the utmost energies of minister and people.

St. Andrew's, Southampton.—In this important town, which we visited on Thursday, February 7th, Presbyterianism is externally very well represented by our finely situated and beautiful church. The congrega-

tion, too, is worthy of the edifice in which it worships. Of considerable size, the membership being 235, it is more influential than its numbers would betoken. At the time of our visit we found the congregation in the midst of an effort to raise over £2,000 to provide sufficient Sabbath School accommodation, and were rejoiced to witness the spirit of liberality which animated the people. At our meeting with the office-bearers we learned that £1,500 had been raised in three weeks, and several important additions were made to this sum during our short stay. As 75 per cent. of the Sabbath School children do not belong to the congregation, and 50 per cent. are from households which do not attend any church, an important work of a truly missionary kind is done in this institution. In addition to the weekly prayer-meeting there is an evangelistic service each Thursday evening, conducted by the minister. The Rev. Mr. Sandeman also conducts a mission in the neighbourhood of his own residence, and another office-bearer gives very important help to a Sailors' Mission in the town. Tracts are distributed monthly to the number of 1,000. And last, but certainly not least, among the organisations of the Church, is a large and active Ladies' Working Society. It should be mentioned, too, that there is an energy and heartiness in the congregation which augur well for the future, and that Divine blessing has been following the ministry of the esteemed pastor.

Woolston.—At this place we likewise had good meetings of office-bearers and people. We found elements of difficulty, however, with which we could not avoid dealing. While the church premises were all that could be desired, and although other congregations were prospering, we found that this Church had been going back in numbers and finances. This was partly accounted for by the removal of a good many men from the shipyards, but we also learned that several members had left. Feeling that we were there if possible to remove difficulties, we sought by friendly counsel to bring these persons back to the Church. While they welcomed our friendly intervention, however, they refused to return. This congregation has, therefore, with diminished numbers and resources, to meet a debt of £475, and also to maintain ordinances—a task beyond its power. It is to be hoped that something may be done quickly to put this congregation on a satisfactory footing, as otherwise it must continue to decrease. It should be said that earnest work is being done among the young and in connection with the Temperance movement.

At *Portsmouth* we had only a meeting with the office-bearers and workers, but there was a good representation of them. The recent history of this congregation consists of series of struggles with a mountain of debt. Led on by the promise of a site from Government, the congregation were committed to building an expensive church beyond their own requirements, so as to provide 100 free sittings for soldiers. Shortly after these soldiers were withdrawn, and the minister lost the capitation grant. The new site, while valuable in some respects, was not in the heart of the population from which our Church was likely to draw, and so instead of increasing, as it should, the congregation has been rather dwindling, feeling each year more keenly the pressure of financial difficulties. At the same time, through the high character and well-known ability of Dr. Kennedy Moore,—not to speak of his able pre-

decessors,—the congregation has occupied a very important position in Portsmouth, and it would be a very great pity if it were to go down. Yet instant and powerful help is required if this catastrophe is to be avoided.

Besides visiting the above congregations, Mr. Smith preached in St. Andrew's, Southampton, and Woolston, on Sabbath, February 10th, and Mr. Johnston visited and addressed St. Andrew's Sabbath School.

JOHN SMITH.

FRANCIS JOHNSTON.

IV.
REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.				<i>Station.</i>
*	Rev. George Smith, M.A.	... arrived in China,	1857.	Swatow.
"	W. S. Swanson, M.A.	"	1860.	Amoy.
"	H. L. Mackenzie, M.A.	"	1860.	Swatow.
*	" W. Macgregor, M.A.	"	1864.	Amoy.
*	" William Duffus	"	1869.	Swatow.
"	William Campbell	"	1871.	Formosa.
"	Robert Gordon, M.A.	"	1872.	Amoy.
"	John C. Gibson, M.A.	"	1874.	Swatow.
"	Thomas Barclay, M.A.	"	1874.	Formosa.
"	Henry Thompson	"	1877.	Amoy.
*	" Donald MacIver, M.A.	"	1879.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
"	John Watson, M.A.	"	1880.	Amoy.
"	William Thow, M.A.	"	1880.	Formosa.
"	J. A. B. Cook	"	1881.	Singapore.
"	A. L. MacLeish, M.A., M.B.	"	1881.	Amoy.
*	" Wm. Riddel, M.A., M.B.	"	1881.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
"	James Main, M.A.	"	1882.	Formosa.
"	W. R. Thompson, B.A.	"	1882.	Formosa.

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

James L. Maxwell, M.D., Ed.	... arrived in China,	1863.	Formosa.
* William Gauld, M.A., M.D.	"	1863.	Swatow.
Peter Anderson, L.R.C.S. and P., Ed.	"	1878.	Formosa.
* Alexander Lyall, M.B., C.M.	"	1879.	Swatow.
David Grant, M.B., C.M.	"	1880.	Amoy.
* John F. McPhun, M.B., C.M.	"	1882.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
Philip B. Cousland, M.B., Ed.	"	1883.	Chao- chow-foo.

* Salary paid by the Auxiliary Association in Scotland.
NOTE.—Rev. W. S. Swanson, Rev. R. Gordon, Rev. William Duffus, and Dr. Gauld are at present in this country.

MISSIONARY TEACHERS.

Mr. William Paton	...	...	...	arrived in China, 1881.	Swatow.
Mr. George Ede	...	...	...	,,	1883.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MISSIONARIES.

Mrs. Ritchie	...	...	...	arrived in China, 1867.	Formosa.
Miss C. M. Ricketts	...	...	...	,,	1878. Swatow.
Miss Elizabeth Murray	...	...	...	,,	1880. Formosa.
Miss Georgina MacLagan	...	...	...	,,	1882. Amoy.
Miss Caroline Mann	...	...	...	,,	1883. Swatow.
Miss Bessie Scott	...	...	...	,,	1883. Swatow.

NATIVE EVANGELISTS.—30 at Amoy, 12 at Swatow, and 31 at Formosa.

STUDENTS.—10 at Amoy, 18 at Swatow, and 6 at Formosa.

STATIONS.

DISTRICT OF AMOY.

(For Map see page 455.)

Eight Stations organised as Churches—viz., E-mung-kang Pechuia, Bay-pay, Khiboey, Liong-bun-si, Anhai, Kio-lai, and Chin-chew.

Twenty Stations not yet organised as Churches—Yu-boey-kio, Peh-chioh, Koan-jim, Koan-kio, Aw-sai, Liong-kay, Liong-nia, Siong-see, Tin-hai, Phu-kiong, Tung-kio, Ta-ying, Kang-khau, Gaw-chay, Pan-to, Aw-pow, Sian-oan, Chang-poo, Khoe-a-bay, and Kak-chioh.

DISTRICT OF SWATOW.

(For Map see page 457.)

Seven Hok-lo Stations organised as Churches—viz., Swatow, Yam-tsau, Phu-soa, Chia-na, Kia-kung, Mi-ow, and Sin-hü.

Thirteen Hok-lo Stations not yet organised as Churches—viz., Chao-chow-foo, Ung-kng, Tat-hau-pow, Chao-yang, Toa-ua, Kong-pheng, Pang-khau, Kieh-yang, Kway-tham, Na-thau, Sua-mng-sia, Au-kang, and Tsau-phou.

Three organised Hak-ka Congregations—viz., Ng-yun-thung, Ho-pho, and Ng-kang-phu.

Six Hak-ka Stations not yet organised as Churches—viz., Foi-tshai, Shong-sa, Lo-hai, Ho-thyen, Sin-thyen, and Thong-hang-shui.

ISLAND OF FORMOSA.

(For Map see page 461.)

Tai-wan District—One Station amongst Chinese, viz., Taiwanfoo.

Four Stations amongst the Pe-po Hoan, viz., Bak-sa, Kam-a-na, Kong-a-na, and Poah-bay.

Hong-soa District—Twelve Stations amongst Chinese—viz., Pi-thau, Ta-kao, Tang-kang, Tek-a-kha, Taw-kun-eng, A-kau, A-li-kang, Iam-paw, Ka-la-paw, Kio-a-than, Lau-chhu-tsng, and Lombay Island.

One Station amongst the Hak-ka Chinese—viz., Lam-gan.

Ka-gi District—One Station amongst Chinese—viz., Ka-gi.

Four Stations amongst Pe-po Hoan—viz., Giam-cheng, Ka-poa-soa, Than-sia, and Hoan-a-chhan.

Chiang-hoa District—Five Stations amongst the Sek-hoan—viz., Toa-sia, Aw-gu-lan, Toa-lam, Gu-khun-soa, and Paw-sia city.

East Coast.—Three Stations amongst the Pe-po Hoan, viz., Chim-kong-o, Tak-kai, and Chioh-pai.

SINGAPORE.

Three Stations—Bukit Timah, Pongul, and Hong-lim-chhi.

The Foreign Missions Committee, in presenting this Report, feel a deep and growing sense of responsibility in connection with the work they have in hand. This is the thirty-sixth report they have laid on the table of the 'Presbyterian Church in England' and this Church. Thirty-seven years ago they had only one missionary, and for twelve years after his going out, four agents were the maximum of their staff. Their work was then confined to Amoy and the district extending twenty miles outside of it. But at the present moment the Committee have nineteen ordained, six medical, two teaching, and six lady missionaries in their employ. Along with these there is a large staff of native agents.

Our work, as already stated, began at Amoy, and for some years was confined to that city and the surrounding district. At the present time it extends from that centre to a point at least 300 miles to the South, 100 miles to the North, and on an average, 150 miles to the West. Over this district our Churches and Stations are planted, and our work over this area is carried on and superintended from three centres, Amoy, Swatow, and Ng-Kang-phu. So much has been done on the mainland of China, but this is not all. Our missionaries at Amoy at an early period in our history could not forget that three millions of Amoy-speaking Chinese had found a home for themselves in the island of Formosa. Dr. Douglas cherished as one of his most important ideas the plan of beginning missionary work on that island. He continued to impress this upon the Church until they sent a missionary there. In the year 1864, he and Dr. Maxwell broke ground on that island, and now on it we have a large staff of agents. And over all these regions the Lord has been blessing and prospering our work. Although one of the latest to begin work in China, our Mission was, at the time when the last statistics were taken, second in the number of communicants.

The very large extent of country covered by our work and the numerous staff in our employ involve responsibility of a very serious kind. Hitherto the Church in its giving has kept pace with the demands of the work. The success that has followed our operations has increased our responsibilities, and sometimes the strain has been so great that your Committee have felt it too much for them. But they could not turn back; and they have to say to-day that the Church has never failed to support them, to disappoint their fears, and to exceed their hopes.

The Committee regret that the year closes financially with a balance on the wrong side. It is right, however, to observe that efforts of a special

nature were made in 1882 to reduce the debt with which the Committee was then embarrassed. Taking this and other things into consideration, the Committee have to report growing liberality on the part of the Church. At the same time they cannot but feel anxious as to the future, when they consider to what, by the decisions of the Synod, they are now committed. They do most earnestly entreat that this Synod may, in some special manner, request Presbyteries to see to it, that the Congregations within their bounds remember the claims of the Foreign Missions of the Church.

In every town congregation there ought to be an association for the support of Missions, and in all congregations frequent reference to the subject from the pulpit and at the week-day services, in order to keep the people well informed of the progress of the work. It will also be found of great advantage to bring the Mission frequently before the children of the Sabbath Schools. We gratefully acknowledge the increased interest in the Mission shown by the children throughout the Church. But it is nevertheless true that about one-half of the Sabbath Schools send no contributions to the funds.

We have to thank God for His care of and gracious kindness to all our agents. They remain at the close of the year an unbroken company; and those of them who were in weak health during the year have all recovered.

In regard to our staff, the marked feature of the year has been the return of Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell, after an enforced absence of more than eleven years, to their work in Formosa. The Committee cannot help saying that the self-denial and devotion of these and all their other agents have been to them a great source of encouragement and thanksgiving. The arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell and also of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson and of Mr. Barclay was warmly welcomed at their respective centres of work.

The reinforcements to our staff during the year have been Mr. P. B. Cousland, M.B., Ed., who has gone with the view of carrying on Medical missionary work in the large and important departmental city of Chao-chau-foo; Mr. George Ede, accompanied by his wife, as Missionary teacher to Tai-wan-foo; Miss Caroline Mann and Miss Bessie Scott to assist Miss Ricketts in her important work at Swatow. It is needless to say that the last two have been sent from the Women's Missionary Association, who now have representatives and most influential work at all our centres. The Committee have not received the statistics from all the centres. From what they have received they are thankful to be able to report a most gratifying increase in the membership at almost all the Stations. They have observed with deepest interest the accessories to the membership of the Church from one class—those baptised in infancy; for they feel that this shows the solid and permanent character of the work.

The work at all the centres has been vigorously carried on during the year. Few marked features have to be noted. The record is very much the same from year to year. We give some details from each of the centres.

Statistics for Year 1883.

	Communicants, Dec. 31, 1882.	Adults baptised in 1883.	Admitted to Com- munion, having been baptised in infancy.	Received by Certificate.	Restored to Communion.	Suspended in 1883.	Excommunicated in 1883.	Died in 1883.	Gone elsewhere.	Communicants, Dec. 31, 1883.	Children baptised in 1883.	Total baptised children.	Members under suspension	
Amoy	718	43	2	3	2	8	6	15	—	737	9	336	58	
Swatow {	Hok-lo	689	92	3	—	10	8	12	32	6	748	28	217	57
	Hak-ka	148	39	—	1	—	8	—	1	5	174	14	51	17
Formosa	1154	16	—	—	3	2	—	3	1	1167	2	553	91	
Singapore	39	—	—	3	—	4	—	2	3	33	—	—	4	
	2748	190	5	7	15	30	18	53	15	285	53	1157	227	

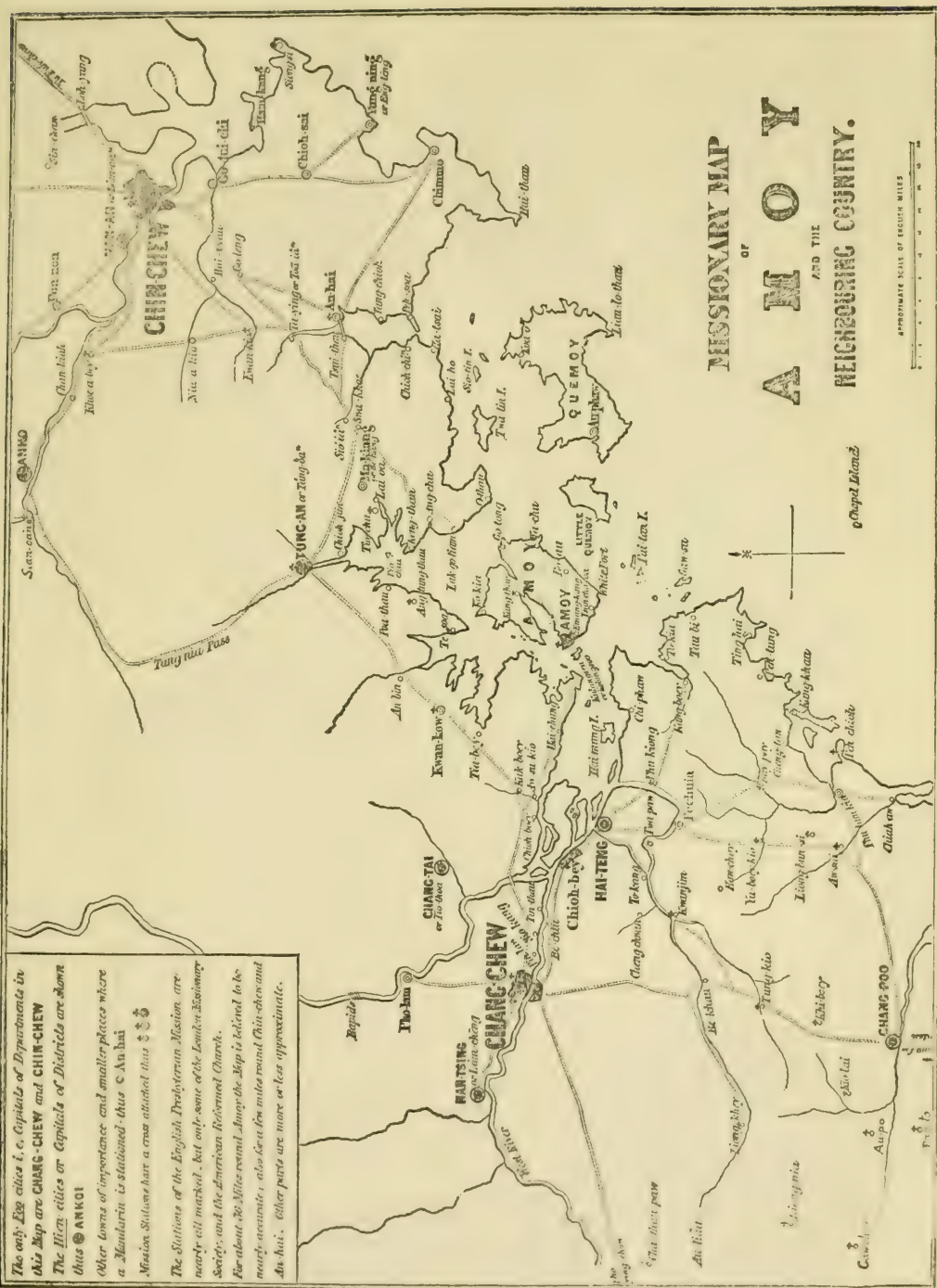
AMOY.

The outstanding feature of our Amoy work has been the pre-eminent attention that has been given to the training of a native agency. The result of this is that the Amoy Mission has now more than thirty natives engaged in preaching the Gospel, and over twenty men engaged in school teaching. And in this region there are now in our own Mission five native pastors, who are entirely supported by their own congregations.

The fact of some of the old students being called to the pastorate has imparted fresh life and vigour to our collegiate work in Amoy. The tutorial work in our College is now in charge of a competent and scholarly man *Phiau*, who previously was preacher at Chin-chew. He succeeds in the College two men who were eminently successful in their work there, Tan-Leng, now pastor at Pechuia, and Thian Khe, pastor at Kio-lai.

The Presbytery of Amoy took a forward step last year in their resolution to send an agent to evangelise in the regions beyond their own immediate borders. Our Missionaries have always kept before them that their great work was to raise up a native church which would carry the Gospel through the length and breadth of China. Their ideal has not yet been fully realised; but every step in advance brings us nearer to it. Last year in Amoy we had to thank God for the wonderful advance made in Church organisation, and now we have to record gratitude for a fresh departure on the same line.

Chin-chew has now become virtually a new centre in the Amoy district. The work carried on there is most interesting. The city



of Chin-chew is the commercial, political, and literary centre of an immense district. Our footing there was acquired at great cost. There can be little doubt that the death of Dr. Douglas was hastened by the pains and troubles and toils he endured in connection with the work at Chin-chew. But now we have a Church there, and a Hospital under the charge of Dr. Grant. Dr. Grant writes little about his own labours, and this we regret. But it is sufficient now to say that these labours have been most wonderfully blessed. More than 4,000 patients are treated annually by him; and at the same time earnest Evangelistic work is carried on in connection with the Hospital by the missionaries and the native preachers. The work of the Hospital has been an unspeakably precious boon to the souls and bodies of many in Chin-chew. It has also disarmed prejudice, and powerfully aided to put down opposition, and to open up the country. The great and clamant want at present is more commodious premises, and your Committee trust that these may soon be secured. A generous member of our church has agreed to defray the cost. God's work is prospering in Chin-chew. His way with us there should inspire us with fresh faith and courage. The gloom of our beginning there is giving place to a bright and better day.

Dr. MacLeish has just commenced Medical missionary work on the island of Kolongsu, where the missionaries reside, and where there is a large native population. The island is easily accessible to all who come from Amoy and the region around it. The Committee have every hope that this work will prove a great blessing.

The educational work at Amoy in Congregational Schools and in the Middle School is still vigorously and successfully carried on.

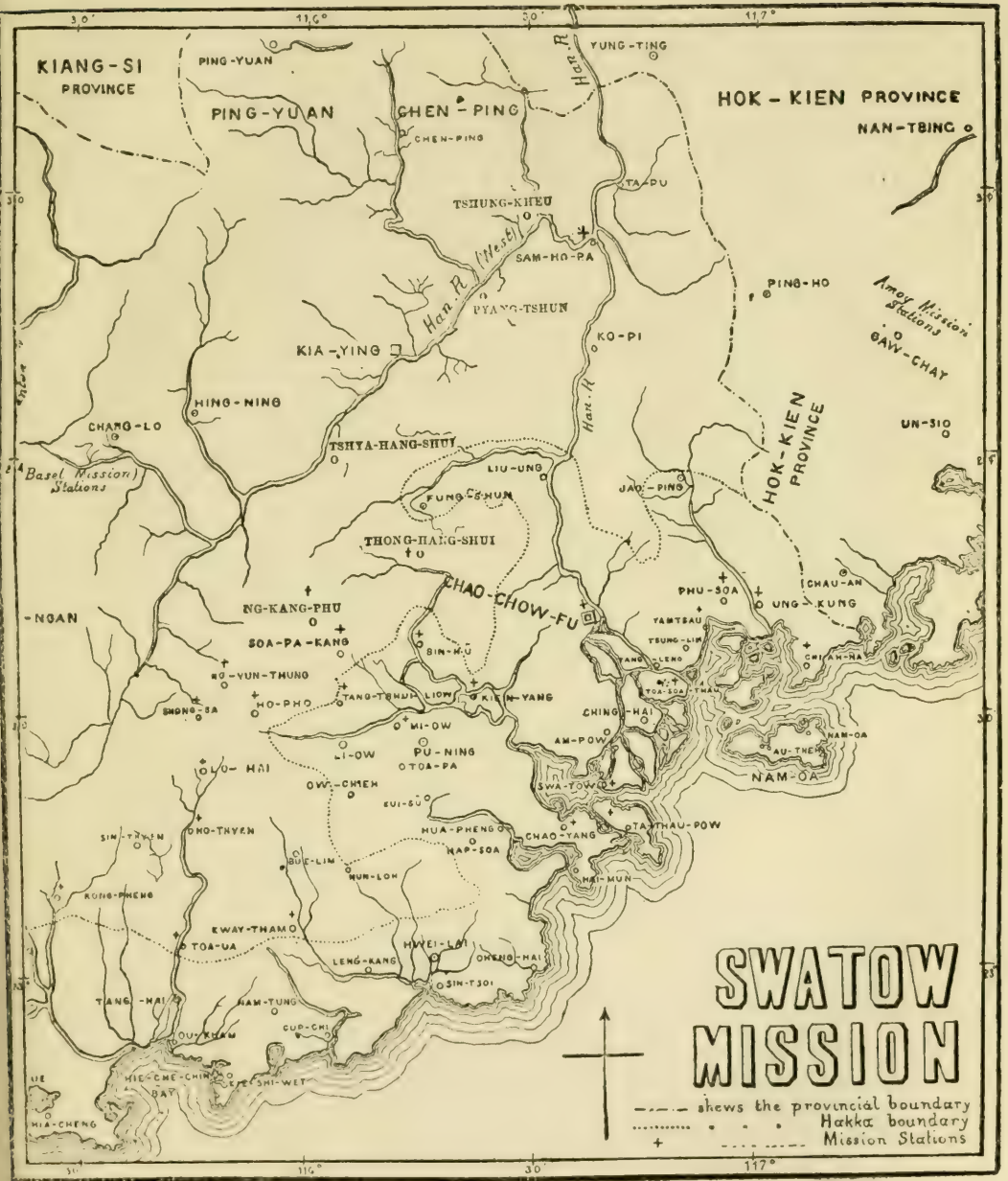
The Committee would, however, remind the Church that the staff at Amoy is at present exceptionally weak. While reinforcements have been sent to the other centres, Amoy has got none. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were forced to leave for home last year. The strain upon the brethren there at present is very great. They never complain; but all the more is it the duty of the Church to see to it that there be no undue pressure put upon them, and that Amoy, the mother of all the churches, be kept in strength and vigour.

SWATOW.

The following extracts from the Annual Report, prepared by the Rev. George Smith, will give an accurate statement of the present condition of our Swatow Mission.

In regard to Stations, Mr. Smith states: 'At present we have in all 33 Stations. One-third of these are Hak-ka. They are scattered over twelve districts, which in size might be compared to our counties at home. Of these districts, one is in the province of Fokien, the others in the Canton province.'

These Stations are within a radius of 100 miles from the centre. They cover almost the whole district, within which the Swatow, or rather the Hok-lo dialect is spoken or understood.



The number of adults baptised during the year is 92, the majority of these belonging to the villages and smaller towns in the region.

No new Stations have been opened during the year; but new churches have been erected at Yam-tsau and Tsau-pow, the native Christians having contributed nearly \$400 to aid in the erection of these places of worship.

There are now nine Stations organised as Churches, and one native pastor, who is diligently fulfilling the duties of his office.

The brethren regret that the staff of native agents is weak. There are only nine men on their list. And the consequence is that there are not stated preachers for all the Stations. Chapel-keepers or students conduct services on Sabbath in places where there are not preachers.

Messrs. Mackenzie and Duffus have had to undertake almost all the visitation to Stations. And when it is remembered how numerous these are, and that they cover a line of nearly 200 miles, it will be seen that frequent visits, however desirable, are not possible.

The College work during the year has been vigorously prosecuted. This department of work has been in Mr. Smith's and Mr. Mackenzie's hands. There were nineteen students under training when the Session commenced. One died during the year. The students have made satisfactory progress.

The Hospital under the management of Dr. Lyall is one of the most thoroughly equipped and successful institutions of the kind in China. It has been since its foundation a valuable accessory to Mission work. The number of patients during the year were 4,400, and these came from 1,450 towns and villages in this region. Twelve persons who were led to a knowledge of the truth in connection with the Hospital were during the year admitted to the fellowship of the Church.

The work of school education is in Mr. Paton's hands. He has given most of his time to the Boys' School at Swatow, where he has had during the year an average attendance of thirty-six names on the roll. This school is intended to be a feeder to the College, and five or six of the boys will this year pass from the School to the College. In the country there are five Congregational Schools. These were visited by Mr. Paton, and examined in a prescribed course of study. The great lack in this part of the work is properly qualified teachers. These will, however, be furnished in time from the Middle School at Swatow.

The whole work has been carried on in the face of trying and sore persecution. In fact, as the Church gets more visible and grows in power, this is to be expected.

We have, however, to thank God that the Missionaries and their families have been graciously preserved in health and strength. One great blessing to them in this respect is the 'Douglas Sanatorium' at Double Island, a boon for which the Church has to thank one of the elders, Mr. J. M. Douglas, of Upper Norwood, brother of our lamented missionary.

THE HAK-KA MISSION.

At Ng-Kang-phu, a place about sixty miles to the N.W. of Swatow, is the centre of this mission. Mr. MacIver, Dr. and Mrs. Riddel, and

Dr. MacPhun are our agents there; and in their hands during the year the work has been steadily carried on. Residence in such a place, far distant as it is from any treaty port, was at the outset an experiment. It is no longer so, and it is with much pleasure that we have to report that the missionaries are on the best of terms with the people among whom they live and labour.

The number of Stations is five—the same as last year; and at these, thirty-nine adults and fourteen infants were during the year added to the membership of the Church. The total membership is now 174. Mr. MacIver reports well of the life and character of the members. The presence of Mrs. Riddel and her earnest work are already telling. During the year fifteen women have joined the Church, the total number of women in Church-fellowship being twenty-four.

Under the head of Education, Mr. MacIver reports that the College work has had as much attention as could in the circumstances be paid to it. In the College there are at present nine regular students, and three, who having already had three years' training, come at regular intervals for further study. The students have been a great comfort to the missionaries, as they are diligent and earnest, and seem to feel the responsibility attaching to their position. These students conduct services at the stations near the centre.

There are seven Congregational Schools with seventy pupils. The brethren propose to start a Middle School during the course of this year, and hope that it will form a connecting link between the Congregational Schools and the College.

The Medical work bulks largely in this Mission, as two of the agents are medical men. Dr. Riddel has done much work during the year, and has at last succeeded in getting a small hospital. Dr. McPhun, although giving his main strength to the study of the language, has helped Dr. Riddel in his work at Ng-Kang-phu. More than 1,000 patients have been treated there; and an equal number have been seen and treated at the out-stations. A house has been secured in Ta-pu city, large enough for dispensary work, and for the residence of a missionary. Two of the brethren have gone there and are beginning work.

The Committee feel that the whole aspect of the work is most cheering, and that the beginning has been made in a very wise and judicious manner. They feel that a large and important work has been laid to their hands, for the region within reach of our agents is more than 200 miles in length, and as much in breadth. Our brethren working there are far removed from contact with and from the sympathy of fellow-countrymen, and yet they write in the most earnest and cheery way of their work and their surroundings. Their whole desire is to carry on in the most efficient manner the work lying to their hands.

FORMOSA.

The following report of the work at this centre is from Mr. Campbell:—‘I am at present a good deal engaged with building work, and regret that the accompanying statistics will have to be sent home without any-

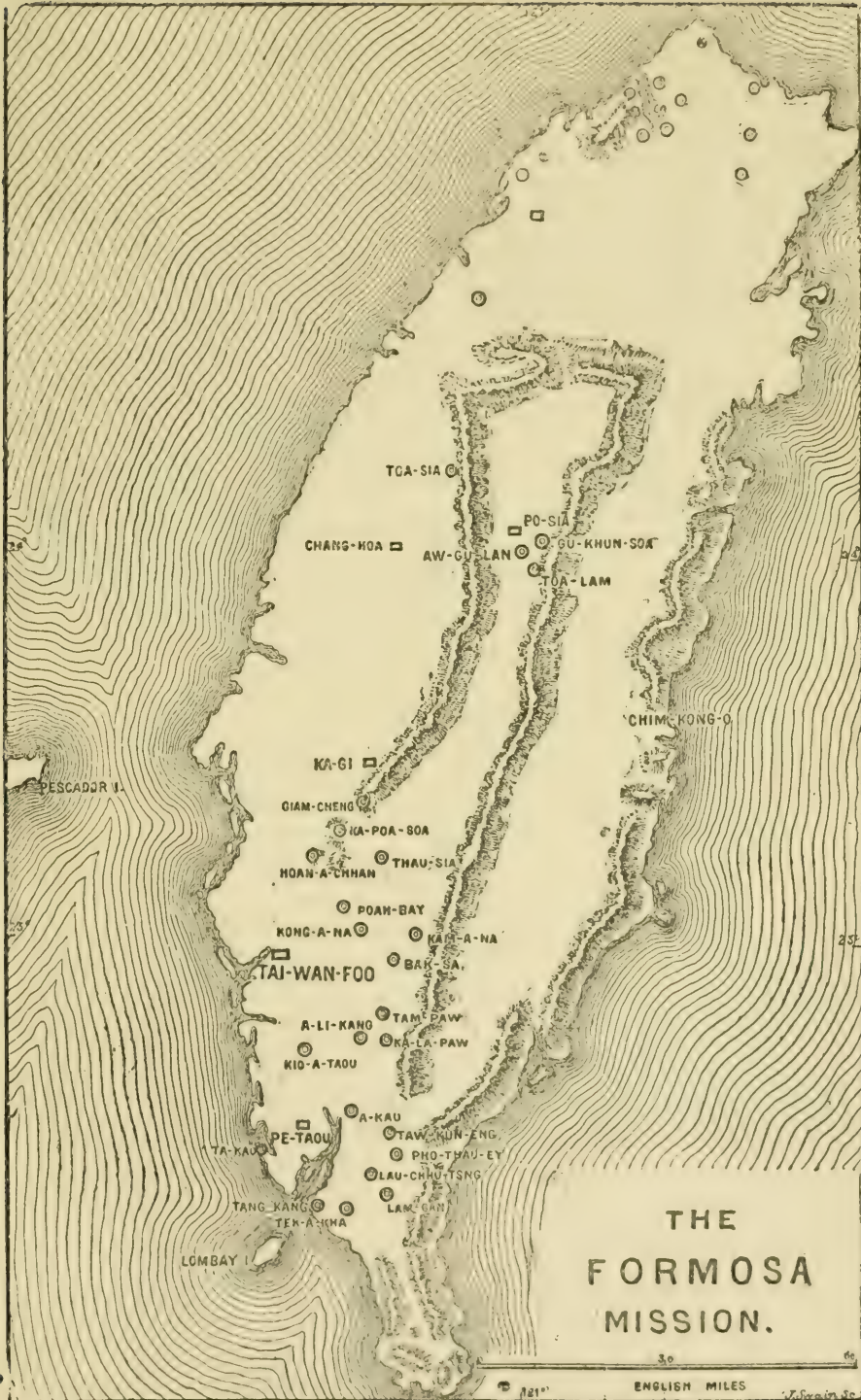
thing in the shape of a formal and detailed report. It will at once be seen in one particular the statistics differ very materially from those of previous years. We have had only sixteen adult baptisms over the whole Church during the past twelve months, and there can be no doubt that this fact may fairly be taken as indicating the prominent feature of the work of 1883. Mr. Thow and myself have been quite unable to overtake the visitation of our country Churches in anything like a satisfactory way, and it is only too apparent that this state of things, continued year after year, has been followed by evils which it will take a long time to rectify. The extent to which we have been occupied with building work has been a very heavy burden for inexperienced persons like ourselves to bear, but trying chiefly because it prevented us from pushing forward with our direct missionary work—a work not less needed than is our assurance that God would be graciously pleased to bestow the promised blessing. Within less than two years we have made out plans and specifications for the erection of three good-sized bungalows and the girls' school, the result being that Mr. Thompson and Mr. Ede have excellent quarters, while the ladies, in about four months now, will also have ample and most comfortable accommodation both for residence and for work. I was also engaged for about a month in connection with our chapel buildings at Baksa, an earthquake, with white ants, having so injured the roof and walls as to require the insertion of twenty large beams beside the mason work.

'It is easy to state facts of this kind, but friends at home, and even on the mainland here, have no idea of the difficulties that beset us in carrying on extensive work of this kind in Formosa. I am glad, however, to say that we seem to have got past the worst of our difficulties in this respect, and that better days lie immediately before us.

'Mr. Barclay has not yet arrived, but the very presence of Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell amongst us has already had a most gracious and hopeful influence. The Committee have certainly been wisely guided in this matter of recommending the return of our beloved friends, even though the Doctor may not be able for half the amount of mere work he was fitted for in former years. A few days after his arrival he called us together and read your touching letter to the brethren. I feel sure that before long, now, the Church at home will be cheered to learn that God has been gracious to His servants and people in Formosa. Pray for us. It is a most strengthening thought that we are never forgotten by those whose prayers are acceptable to the Lord.'

Dr. Anderson has been actively engaged in his Hospital work during the year. That work has one very marked feature. The Chinese are made to pay for their medicine when they can do so; and the hospital at present is almost self-supporting.

The Committee have been in a state of great anxiety about Mr. Main. He has passed through a most serious and dangerous illness; but we are thankful to say that by latest accounts he was convalescent.



SINGAPORE.

The work at this Station has now fairly begun, and Mr. and Mrs. Cook are actively carrying it on. Mr. Cook has found that much painful work had to be undertaken to clear the way for properly beginning. He was aided in this by the Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, who went from Swatow to assist Mr. Cook in commencing work. The roll of members had to be purged, and the result is that there are now thirty-nine names on the roll. The catechist who was carrying on the work before Mr. Cook's arrival was disciplined and dismissed. There are now, however, two trained preachers under Mr. Cook—one from Amoy and the other from Swatow. There is thus the furnishing for operating on the two great divisions of the Chinese at Singapore.

Two small congregations have been organised—one at Bukit-timah and the other at Pongul, places in the neighbourhood of Singapore. At a third place, Hong-lim-chhi, the Amoy preacher is located and actively engaged in his work.

The Committee know that our young brother at Singapore has had to face peculiar difficulties at the outset of his missionary life; but they trust and pray that he may be kept strong in faith and abundantly blessed.

INDIA.

STATION.—RAMPORE BAULEAH, IN THE DISTRICT OF RAJSHAYE, BENGAL.

Medical Missionary—Dr. MORISON.



Report by Dr. Morison for the Year ending October 31, 1883.

In looking back on the past year we have thankfully to acknowledge that, amidst affliction and much trial of faith, we experienced the guiding hand of Providence; and when, on account of health, we were obliged to contemplate a change to this country, we hesitated to leave the work on account of its importance and interest at that time, for we verily thought

that it must all cease whenever we left the station. But now at the close of the year, we can see how everything was arranged for us, and that our presence was not at all necessary either to the carrying on of the work or the maturing of the seed sown.

After returning from the great Missionary Conference held in Calcutta, in January, I was quite prostrated, so that Dr. Bensly, the Civil Surgeon of the Station, ordered me home at once. A few days before leaving Rampore Bauleah, when scarcely able to speak, I was visited by the native postmaster, who had just come to the station. I found him to be a devoted Christian, and he told me that he had chosen Rampore Bauleah in answer to prayer as a place in which he hoped to have opportunities for Christian work. Having been a student and convert of the Free Church College, Calcutta, under Dr. Duff, twenty years ago, he was well able to take up the work which I was so reluctantly laying down—especially the preaching on Sabbath evenings to the English speaking natives and ministering to the native Christians. He also undertook to superintend the different schools as he found opportunity, and help Miss Bayly, now alone, by his counsel and experience.

It may seem to some that it was a mere coincidence that he should have been sent to the station when I was obliged to leave; but to us it was of the Lord, and we accepted it as such, which gave us comfort and made our departure easy.

Miss Bayly has, by her energy and Christian devotion to her work, not only maintained the Zenana classes in efficiency, but also the two girls' schools in good working order; and when it is remembered how many additional duties she has had thrust upon her, by being left alone in the Mission, practically superintending the whole of the work, she deserves our utmost sympathy and prayerful support.

The year has not passed without giving us evidence that the seed sown months or years before was not sown in vain.

In the month of August a young lad of about seventeen years, a student in the Government College—where his father is one of the Professors—and who had been attending my Bible Class and meetings for several years, came to Miss Bayly, our Zenana teacher, asking for baptism. He was told that he must wait until a missionary should come out from England. He said he could not go back to his home, as his friends knew he was a Christian in heart. He requested Miss Bayly to give him a letter to Mr. Phillips, of the London Missionary Society, Berhampore, and said he would go there, a distance of eighty miles, to be baptised. He went there, was examined by the missionaries, who thought well of him, and were about to baptise him, when his father (with other Hindoos) appeared, demanding his son to be delivered up to him. The lad was at perfect liberty to go with his father, but refused to go until he was baptised. The father appealed to the magistrate, representing that his son was a minor under sixteen years of age—that being the age of majority according to Hindoo law. The magistrate granted the order, and the lad was taken back to Rajshaye unbaptised. It is questionable if the magistrate was justified in accepting the father's statement under the circumstances. We think the lad is nearer seventeen than sixteen, and therefore not a minor. It is painful to record this, yet it serves

sadly to remind us of the many difficulties that may be raised, and how little toleration may be expected even from an educated Hindoo towards any of his friends who are disposed to become Christians.

In last year's Report it was stated that two young men (Hindoos) who had been under instruction had left us, and we added: 'We have not, however, lost sight of them, and are even yet not without hope that the seed sown during these three months will bring forth fruit to the glory of God.' We have this year to record with thankfulness to God that one of them has returned and desires to be baptised, and that the other may soon be expected to follow him. The young man resides with Sheetol Baboo, who by God's blessing was the means of bringing him to decision.

In the beginning of the year we built a hut for receiving patients who needed to undergo operations, or lengthened treatment, and up to the date of our illness (two months) we had six patients; one of these was a little girl aged about nine years, who had been picked up off the road-side, where she had been thrown by her friends, and left as dying. She recovered under care and kindly treatment, was sent back to her friends, who were very poor, and who would have nothing to do with her. She is now again with us, living with the orphan children; and has been supported mainly by the kindness of M. W. McKenzie, Esq., and Miss Bayly, who take a deep interest in her case. Since then she has been adopted by our devoted postmaster's wife, Mrs. Bose.

After I left India the medical work was stopped; but our schools have gone on without interruption, and the results, especially in the girls' schools, as shown by examination, were very good. The same may be said of the Zenana pupils, who were this year examined on secular subjects prescribed by the North Bengal Union—a native association for the encouragement of female education in Bengal. Our large middle vernacular school has not done so well this year, and indeed was so inefficient towards the end of the year that we feared the Government grant would be withdrawn. This, however, has been averted by a change in the teaching staff, and we hope it may soon again be on a footing of efficiency. The indigenous schools aided by us are five in number, and the reports show considerable progress in secular subjects, and a fair knowledge of Christian truth. At the villages where these schools are situated our catechist preachers attend regularly and distribute books and tracts.

The usual itinerating journeys have been interrupted through my absence. I had hoped to be able this year to visit the north-west of our district—a very needful and little known part, but the difficulties are great, as there are no roads, and no water communication, and no place to live in for shelter; but if we had *tents* it could be visited once a year.

The church has been under repair, and we hope will again prove useful to the European community who meet there on Sabbath, when one of the officials conducts the Church of England service. The Bengali service for the Native Christians is held in the vestry, until the church is repaired, and these services have been kept up by Babu Hem Nath Bose, the postmaster, with great acceptance.

With the exception of one family who has left the station for Calcutta the numbers on the Church roll are the same as last year.

The children attending the schools are as follows:

Boys' Middle Vernacular School	83
Five Circle Schools	166
Total Boys	<u>249</u>
Girls' High Caste School	32
„ Low Caste „	35
Total Girls	<u>67</u>
Total Boys and Girls	<u>316</u>

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

H. M. MATHESON,
Convener.

[For Financial Statement see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 620.]

APPENDIX.

FIFTH REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The past year has been eventful. The Lord has sent both success and sorrow; but His mercies are over all His works.

Three ladies (valued members of the St. John's Wood Congregation) have been appointed to work in China. Miss Mann and Miss Bessie Scott have already arrived at Swatow; Miss Butler will start for China (D.V.) next October; spending some of the intervening months at Oxford, in order to acquire some knowledge of the language. The prolonged and serious illness of Miss Murray (of Formosa), which she has borne bravely and patiently, has been a great grief to the Committee. The work of the Lord was prospering in her hands, so her separation from it during so many months was a deep disappointment. We trust and pray that, as the Lord has promised that all things shall work together for good to those that love Him, the good and perfect gifts of strength and sympathy may be the fruits, for it is to him that *hath* that more is given. We give the following brief accounts of the history of the year at Swatow, Formosa, Amoy, and Rampore Bauleah:—

Swatow.—The year 1883 began, as the previous one had closed, with Miss Ricketts and Miss Mary Mellis as co-workers in the Bible House. But in the early summer Miss Mellis's marriage to the Rev. G. Smith

left Miss Ricketts to work single-handed. The Women's Missionary Association, whilst regretting the loss of Miss Mellis's valuable help, are assured of her undiminished sympathy, and rejoice to think of her continuing to form one of the devoted Missionary circle at Swatow. Miss Rickett's health had been such as to make it probable that her further stay at Swatow must be brief, she therefore urged the appointment of two ladies. In answer to this request, Miss Mann and Miss Bessie Scott left England last October, *en route* for Swatow, where they have received a very cordial welcome. We know not how long the invaluable gifts of Miss Ricketts' care and counsel may be theirs, but we commend them to Him who can and will supply all their need. We are very thankful that Miss Ricketts' strength has been so far restored as to enable her during the past year to continue her work in training the native Biblewomen, in addition to various Missionary expeditions, visits to the Hospital, School, &c. In her report (see page 65 of 'Our Sisters in other Lands'), she gives an interesting account of the work already begun by some of the Chinese Biblewomen, and tells of forty villages and eighty-eight families visited by herself during the past twelve months.

Formosa.—As regards the building of the Girls' School at Tai-Wanfoo, the long waiting-time is at an end. The house is now in the process of erection; its completion being promised in the early summer. In the meantime, Mrs. Ritchie has been able to carry on her important work—giving regular instruction to many women and girls, and also visiting, from time to time, various country villages. We are very thankful that Mrs. Ritchie does not seem to have been injured in health by her zeal and energy.

For Miss Murray the past year has been one of severe suffering. The last reports about her are more encouraging, but a rest of some months will be needful before she can hope to return to the scene of her earnest work and prayers. Our friends at Formosa have been greatly cheered by the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell, who have always taken so active an interest in the work of our Association. We owe them deep gratitude for their constant kindness and counsel, and, whilst regretting much the loss to ourselves, rejoice in the gain to Formosa.

Amoy.—Miss MacLagan is making steady progress in acquiring the language; she can now give some help in the Girls' School, and so lighten the self-denying labours of the wives of the missionaries, who have hitherto borne the entire burden of its management. There are now twenty-six girls in the school.

The following extracts are taken from private letters from Miss MacLagan :—

We had two Biblewomen the beginning of the year, but one was thought to be unsuitable, so she was dismissed. She did not know much, and was rather old. The other Biblewoman was here quite lately; she seemed very much interested in her work, and appears to be doing good, visiting among the women at the different stations. We have a good deal of illness in the school at present. Seven of the girls have had fever, and two or three were seriously ill. However, to-day, I am glad to say, the doctor considered them all a little better. We are hoping our matron will keep well now. She is an old woman, and would not take rest either night or day

while the girls were ill, so she is very much worn out. I have been three times short trips to the country this last month. I went with Miss Talmage. We hope to make many trips together this winter. We left here on Saturday afternoon, and got to Pechua at sundown, so we did not go on shore, but slept in the boat. In the morning some of the sisters, who had known before of our coming, came down to the shore to meet us. We spent the day at the chapel; the women do not go home between the services, but bring their rice and cook it there, so during the interval Miss Talmage read and spoke to them. I think there were about thirty present. Three girls who had previously been at the school were there, and we were pleased to find they were keeping up their reading. Next morning we visited a good many of the women in their houses; some of the women seemed very earnest, and anxious that others should hear the Gospel. The women at all the places we visited seemed anxious to learn, but they are very ignorant; very few being able to read. The dialect was a little different from Amoy, which is rather confusing at first, but the people understood Amoy quite well. One of the encouraging things is the marked difference in villages between women who have been even a short time at the school, and the others.

Rampore Bauleah, India.—The tidings received of the work carried on during the past year are very encouraging. The visits to the Zenanas were highly prized, and the various schemes for the spiritual and social benefit of the women and girls of the upper and lower classes had met with much success. But the labourers are few, though the fields are white to the harvest. Mrs. Morrison, whose report is given on page 67 of 'Our Sisters,' pleads earnestly for further help. The eagerness of the women to be instructed is shared by their fathers, husbands, and brothers on their behalf. Very interesting letters have been received from the above stations from time to time. These have been widely circulated, being read at the meetings for prayer and working parties in connection with the various Associations.

We wish also to record our thanks to the wives of the missionaries for their kind and welcome correspondence, as well as for the earnest and active interest they have evinced in our work. We regret to be able to record the formation of so few additional Congregational Associations during the past year. We believe that a perusal of the letters from the mission field will prove that the Lord is owning and blessing the work done.

There is need for more workers, and these are being offered to us, but we require the means to send them; we commend our cause to the Lord, and lay it before His people, trusting that, for His sake, they will be anxious and glad to give liberally, according to their ability. We are very anxious to obtain the co-operation of *all* the congregations of our Church. We know that, owing to various circumstances, some are unable to give us the amount of aid which they would desire. But even a few members giving the minimum subscription (see Rule 4) would suffice to form an Association, and it would cheer the hearts of those who are bearing the heat and burden of the day to feel assured that, in each of the congregations at home, there were some who were interested in their work, and who were pleading their cause at a Throne of Grace. Our Association is very grateful for every token of sympathy,

knowing that no limits can be set to the blessed results of believing prayer.

The following is a list of our Congregational Associations, comprising also some who have at different times aided us by working parties, &c. &c. :—

Presbytery of Berwick.—Belford—Columbia, Erskine; Berwick—Wallace Green.

Presbytery of Birmingham.—Nottingham, Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton.

Presbytery of Bristol.—Bristol, Cheltenham, Torquay.

Presbytery of Carlisle.—Brampton, Haltwhistle, Penrith.

Presbytery of Darlington.—Stockton-on-Tees—St. Andrews; Crook.

Presbytery of Liverpool.—Birkenhead—Claughton, Grange Road, Hamilton, St. Andrews; Chester, Douglas, Egremont, Rockferry, Southport, St. Helen's, Waterloo; Liverpool—Canning Street, Derby Road, Fairfield, Islington, Mount Pleasant, Princes Road, Queen's Road, Sefton Park, St. George's, Trinity.

Presbytery of London.—Aldershot, Bournemouth, Brighton, Chatham, Croydon, Eastbourne, Holybourne, Ipswich, Jersey, Lewis, Silverhill; Southampton—St. Andrew's; St. Leonards-on-Sea; London—Belgrave, Camden Town, Canonbury, Clapham Road, Crouch Hill, Ealing, Forest Hill, Greenwich, Hampstead, Highbury, Islington, Kensington, Kentish Town, Kingston-on-Thames, Marylebone, New Barnet, Notting Hill, Putney, Regent Square, Stepney, Streatham, St. John's Wood, Tooting, Tottenham, Upper Norwood, Wandsworth, Westbourne Grove, Whitfield, Willesden, Wood Green.

Presbytery of Manchester.—Blackburn—St. George's; Bolton, Bradford, Sale, Warrington, Wharton, Wigan, Withington; Manchester—Brunswick Square, Coupland Street, Grosvenor Square, Higher Broughton, Longsight, Pendleton, Trinity Church.

Presbytery of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.—Hebburn; North Shields—Howard Street; South Shields—Mile End Road.

Presbytery of Northumberland.—Bavington, Morpeth, North Middleton, North Sunderland, Warenford, Wooler.

Signed, by order of the Committee,

J. G. ROBERTSON,

Honorary Secretary.

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REPORT ON THE JEWISH MISSION,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

THERE are two main subjects on which the Committee entrusted with the care of the Jewish Mission have to report to the Synod. The first is the condition of our work in London, which has now been prosecuted under Mr. Meyer's faithful agency for many years. The other relates to the steps taken by the Committee for the enlargement of our Missionary operations, by the selection and occupation of some foreign station.

In regard to the first, your Committee have again to express their satisfaction with the persevering faithfulness of the Synod's esteemed and tried Missionary. They are growingly persuaded of his judgment, fidelity, and patience in the discharge of his difficult duties. That these are difficult and trying in an eminent degree it needs but little reflection to perceive, but it is well ever to bear the fact in recollection. The soil of the human heart is hard in all cases, but inherited prejudice, memory of old persecution, and still-abiding Gentile dislike and distrust have tended to specially indurate the Jewish mind. The veil, thick, dark, and difficult to rend is on the heart of the 'Children of Israel.' 'Nevertheless, when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.' And, meanwhile, in anticipation of the day of general uplifting and removal, individual souls find gracious renderings of the dark covering. Our Missionary has not been without experience of such fruits of earnest labour. Account has been given in the pages of the Church's 'Messenger' of the baptism of two converts by Mr. Meyer himself, while five others, although, from various causes, led to receive the administration of the ordinance from other hands, owe their instruction, and under God, their change of faith to our Missionary's labours. The case of one of the two baptised by Mr. Meyer is specially interesting, as showing that, as he expresses it in his report to the Committee, 'the seed of the Word may for a good while lie dormant in the heart and yet yield pleasant fruit.'

Short of conversion, but hopeful, is earnest inquiry. Under this head the Missionary states that the number of inquirers, that is, those who desire special instruction in the truths of Christianity, has been greater this year than in any year preceding. He says, 'I have on my list 56 (as against 53 last year).' After referring to the seven cases already referred to, where inquiry ripened into conviction and confes-

sion of Christ, and stating that nine still remain under instruction, he adds :—

Of the remaining 40 some left spontaneously after a few days' instruction, not having found what they expected; others were sent away by myself, as I discovered that they were either bad characters, or that their motives were not pure; others had to leave against their will and wish, and I, too, saw them go away with a sad heart, because they loved the truth and promised well, but as they were not able to make a living here, and as I have no means for maintaining them during the time of their inquiry, or for educating them for Christian society, I had no alternative.

In these sentences Mr. Meyer touches on a question of much delicacy and difficulty which your Committee have often been called on to consider without being able to find a satisfactory solution. Hitherto our missionary operations have been carried on with scrupulous care to avoid any semblance of lure from temporal support to profession of interest in the claims of Christianity; and, probably, if there has been some verging towards extreme here, it is on the healthful side. For surely any hope of temporal maintenance or help during inquiry would sorely tempt to the assuming of interest in the investigation of Christian truth, although but little felt. The case is different with those who, having become persuaded of the Messiahship of Jesus, or rather of their need of Him as their Saviour, yet hesitate to confess Him because the avowal of their faith would cut them off from the sympathy and aid of their Jewish brethren. Even here, of course, there is danger, but it does seem hard that Christians should leave the burden of all the self-denial and temporal sacrifice of converts from Judaism entirely to themselves. This is, indeed, not altogether the case with us, but we have no full provision for employment of those who, for Christ's sake, are driven to severance from the affections and help of their compatriots. Your Committee would be glad to have the advantage of any suggestions, or directions by the Synod, towards the solution of a difficult problem to which the Missionary has often referred, and which has frequently engaged their attention. The following are the terms in which Mr. Meyer puts the question in his Report to the Committee this year :—

I have spoken of this difficulty in preceding reports, and will not repeat what I then said, but as in the East of London we have to compete with Societies that grant temporal support to inquirers during the whole time that they are instructed, and after baptism seek to fit them for earning their bread in a Christian land or society, it is evident that we, who from principle do not do so, must carry on our work under a very great disadvantage.

Still, under this disadvantage the Missionary is not discouraged, and mentions this interesting case in illustration of his hope that fruit may grow from seed apparently for a time cast only on the ground.

Last summer I instructed a young Jew, A—. The Word seemed sweet to his taste, and he received it willingly and joyfully, so that I already began to think of his baptism, when, all of a sudden, he disappeared, leaving, however, a letter behind, in which he told me that his heart belonged to Jesus—that he would always love and serve Him, but that he could not, in the meanwhile, confess Him, at any rate not in London. I felt very sorry, but as he

had not left any trace, I could do nothing for him but pray. To my great surprise and joy he appeared again a week or two ago. He had in his wanderings come to W——, had there come in connection with a Congregational Minister, whose Church he regularly visited, and with whom I am now corresponding about his baptism.

In the following extracts from Mr. Meyer's Report to the Committee we present again a brief description of the work carried on by the Missionary and his assistant, Mr. Mark Polan. Of the latter it may be again stated here that he is one of Mr. Meyer's own converts, and ever since his baptism, some four years ago, he has maintained a consistent Christian deportment, winning the esteem of not a few friends in the church with which he was connected. On Mr. Caplan's resignation, he was engaged by the Missionary, with approval of the Committee, to act as assistant in the Mission, and has proved himself in this capacity humble, earnest, and faithful. In those departments of the work for which Mr. Meyer judged him adapted, and in which his services were needed, he has given entire satisfaction. Mr. Meyer says of him: 'By his willingness and zeal, by his earnestness and faithfulness, he is to me not only an "Assistant" but a real comfort.' What the departments are in which he labours will appear in the paragraphs we now quote from the Missionary's report.

The Mission was worked on the well-known and often described lines which have approved themselves by experience, and which have more or less been copied or imitated by others. Allow me to give a few particulars as regards the various departments of our work.

Visiting was vigorously carried on both by Mr. Polan and myself. The former devotes to it, on an average, five hours a day, I three. The reception we meet with is very different. We sometimes are quietly listened to, and the Word spoken is well received and stored up in the hearts, and we are asked soon to repeat our visit; but as often we have to combat barefaced indifference and materialism, or bitter prejudice; sometimes we are even mocked and insulted, and bidden to leave and not to return. But even in such cases we cannot say that the Word has returned void. Some time ago Mr. Polan was so insulted, spit upon, and all but ejected; but when he met the same man in the street a few days ago, he was in the kindest manner accosted by him and urgently invited soon to visit him again. Altogether the visiting is the most trying and wearing-out part of our duties. Our converts and the sick of the small flock that attends our Sunday and Wednesday meetings are regularly visited too; but these visits are rather strengthening and refreshing, because there is in them no discussion or controversy, no combating of prejudices or errors, but with the visited ones we draw grace and strength from the fountain of living water.

The *Reading Room* was better attended this year than ever before; it was, as a rule, not only full, but often inconveniently crowded. It is indeed now so well known among the Jews that very few of those arriving in London will be long here without paying a visit to it. The motives that induce them to come may be varied and, in most cases, anything but the desire to hear and learn about Christianity; but that is the result in most cases, for the books and tracts they are given to read all treat of Christ and Christianity. In the manner especially in which they are received and spoken to, in the sympathy and kindness shown to them in their varied difficulties, they see something of the power of a living Christianity, and so

they are led on to inquire more deeply. The mere sight of the Reading Room is in itself often strange and wonderful. While some are reading the papers, others are writing letters or English exercises, the greater number are reading the Old and New Testaments, the 'Old Paths,' or tracts bearing upon the Jewish controversy. Now and then some one will put a question or ask for an explanation of a verse or statement not understood. The Talmud and Rabbinical Commentaries have frequently to be brought out and consulted. Sometimes you will see a number of Jews in a corner listening to the exposition given to them, and frequently also an extempore address is given. It will thus not surprise the Committee to hear that most of my inquirers this year came from and through the Reading Room. That circumstance is in itself sufficient to prove its value as an auxiliary to the Mission. But even where such an effect is not seen at once, it cannot be said that it fails of its object. Let me cite but one example in confirmation. There is a respectable man living here in London, head of a family. He had been frequenting the Reading Room for the last five or six years, and I had with him many a conversation. I knew that some impression had been made upon him; still I was joyfully surprised when a few days ago he opened his heart, and declared that he had found Christ, and wished, together with his wife and children, to confess Him and be baptised in His name. Before leaving this part of our work, I may mention that the Reading Room is superintended by Mr. Polan, and that to his skill and faithfulness its success must to a great degree be ascribed.

In the subjoined extract Mr. Meyer refers to a work which your Committee regret that he should need to undertake; but the spirit in which he has added this service to other duties of the Mission will command the esteem of all.

The Evening Class for instruction in English was again carried on during the winter months. It was opened tentatively only, last year; but the success was so signal, and the desire for it so urgent, that I could not but open it again this year. Having failed in my efforts to find a suitable teacher, I had again to conduct it myself, which was rather a severe addition to my labours. But I feel fully rewarded by the success of it. There are twenty-six names on the roll, but owing to the circumstances of the men, the attendance cannot be expected to be very regular. That of course impedes the progress; but in that class a personal tie is formed between the pupils and myself; it gives me many opportunities to speak to them of Christ and the one thing needful, and acts as a feeder to the Reading Room and Inquirers' Class; and therefore I purpose, if I am spared and the Committee consent, to have it again next winter. In summer, of course, it cannot be held, and I may in the interval perhaps succeed in finding a suitable teacher.

We present one more excerpt from Mr. Meyer's report, giving a brief account of the various meetings conducted by him.

Meetings were, as usual, held on Sunday afternoon, Wednesday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoon. The last-named meeting is conducted in Judæo-German, the others in English. The attendance at all these meetings was much better than in former years; but as in all missionary meetings and services, it necessarily varies very much. On Sundays, however, our hall was always quite filled; and often also on Wednesday evenings; and although these services are of a purely evangelical character, there was always a considerable Jewish element present, often one-half of

the attendance being Jews. On the occasion of baptismal services the hall was always crowded; more than two-thirds of those present being Jews. I am thankful to be able to say that in these services they always listened most quietly and respectfully. The services on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon are more especially calculated for Jews. They too were much better attended than in former years; and although I allow the hearers to put questions or start objections after I have finished my address, no serious disturbance ever took place.

Mr. Meyer reports gratefully regarding former converts, with whom he maintains intercourse by personal visits or correspondence, that 'with a very few exceptions they are all "walking worthy of the vocation wherewith they are called."' Many of them attend the meetings held in the Mission Hall, which they look on as their spiritual home, but,' adds the Missionary, 'I encourage all of them to become members of regular congregations.'

Your Committee desire to acknowledge with heartiest thanks the liberality with which again this year, as in the preceding, the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society have met the desire of the Missionary by a valuable grant, partly free, partly at a reduced price, of Bibles and Testaments in various languages, of which Mr. Meyer has been able to make use among the poorer Jews with hope of the best results.

The conclusion of the Missionary's report may here be given. It will be read with much sympathetic feeling.

The above is a simple statement of our labours another twelve months, as far as they can be stated. The greater and more trying labours, such as the humiliation and insults which we have so often to bear from unbelieving Jews—the sorrow and grief of disappointment when those of whom we had begun to hope well forsook us—the cares, anxieties, and trouble connected with the case of each inquirer—these and a great many other things are more grievous and wearing out than the actual labours described above. They, however, cannot be put down in writing; but they are known to the Lord, and He gave not only grace and strength to bear and overcome, but also consolation and compensation in the few souls that, through our instrumentality, were saved. Seven souls (for we can claim the five of our inquirers who were baptised by others as a fruit of our Mission) is not a great number; but each soul is precious in the eyes of the Lord, and each Jew converted is an earnest of what the Lord will do for *all* Israel. Trusting in His promised help and aid, taking our stand on the sure word of prophecy and promise, we may confidently go forward. 'He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.' The great crisis through which Israel is now passing entitles us to hope that 'his redemption is drawing nigh; and although the vision tarry, let us wait for it, for it will surely come; it will not tarry.'

Proceeding now to narrate the steps that have been taken towards extension of the Mission by the occupation of some foreign station, your Committee have, first of all, the great satisfaction of stating that at its meeting in 1883 the United Presbyterian Synod gave cordial sanction to the idea of a joint mission to the Jewish people, and authorised its Foreign Committee to make all needful arrangements. That Com-

mittee, in the most brotherly and liberal manner, passed a resolution agreeing to give for ten years an annual sum of £250 towards the support of the Mission when entered upon, and leaving the management entirely to their brethren in the south, expecting only from time to time reports of the work. When the extract minute recording this resolution was read at the quarterly meeting of your Committee, it was heard with the liveliest feelings of pleasure, and the Convener was directed to express their warm sense of the generosity and fraternal confidence manifested by the United Presbyterian Committee in this matter.

In their minute the United Presbyterian Committee further, while leaving the selection of field as well as choice of agency to us in the South, indicated a preference for some station in the Holy Land. This was in happy accordance with your own Committee's desire. Our inquiries accordingly have been specially directed towards Palestine, and at one time we were hopeful that we should be able to report that a locality had been fixed on, and a medical missionary found to make a commencement of the work. At that time too, it was hoped that we should be able to go along with brethren of the Free Church, who had resolved on the occupation of some Palestinian field. The doors, however, that seemed about to open have, in various ways, been meanwhile apparently closed. A young, and greatly commended medical graduate, whom we had communicated with in regard to employment in the East, has recently been led to accept a position of importance at home. Thus, with regret, your Committee have still to report that the expansion of the Mission by some foreign enterprise has not yet passed the stage of inquiry. As to Palestine, however, this will soon have some definite issue. The Free Church Jewish Committee have commissioned the Rev. James Wells of Glasgow, along with a young doctor, whom they have engaged as a medical missionary to proceed to Palestine, and investigate on the spot what openings there may be for work among the Jews in that ancient land. At the request of the Glasgow Medical Mission, Dr. Laidlaw, of that city, who accompanies the brethren named, has been requested to act on our behalf specially in the prosecution of inquiries. From the Free Church Deputies, as well, we are sure to have all help they can give, in the way of information and counsel. Your Committee look up to the Supreme Counsellor, and commit this question to His decision. If He open to us a door of entrance into Palestine we feel assured that the Church will encourage our entering in with ardour and hope.

Meanwhile your Committee have also their eye on other fields. Jassy and Czernowitz are now, we believe, open to us, and seem inviting. We have been led to make some inquiry also as to the empire of Morocco, where the field appears to be wide, and if not wholly unoccupied, affording ample verge for more labourers. The fringe of Northern Africa, where once Christian Churches flourished, holds out some special inducements to Gospel enterprise. May the gracious Leader show us our way clearly!

In conclusion, your Committee are happy to be able to state that the financial improvement reported last year has been sustained and even

increased. The balance-sheet shows a sum of £125 18s. 1*d.* on the credit side—a result, however, as the Secretary mentions, not altogether owing to ‘increased revenue,’ but partly to diminished expenditure. It is, however, a circumstance for gratification and thankfulness that in a year when some strain on the giving power of the Church has appeared in a decline in the support of other schemes, the Jewish Fund has received something more from both Congregational and Sabbath School Contributions than in last year. There has been a falling off in donations, occasioning a diminution in the general revenue, but the increase, though not large, in the stream of Congregational giving is matter for thankful acknowledgment, as showing the confidence of the Church in the sound working of the Mission.

Assuredly this is not a time for slackening our efforts on behalf of the scattered people of Israel. Mr. Meyer emphatically states that ‘Judaism is now passing through a most momentous crisis.’ ‘The orthodox or traditional party,’ he says, ‘feel that they are fighting for a losing or lost cause; the reforming party pretend, indeed, that they are simply returning to the Old Testament, but in the meanwhile they are falling into the strangest vagaries.’ The rallying point among the various parties at present is only ‘No Christ, no Christianity.’ Let us hope that as it is said the darkest hour ushers in the dawn, this common antagonism to the Christian faith may soon give place to a far different mood of mind, when the rallying cry shall be ‘We have found Him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth.’

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[For Financial Statement, see under ‘Accounts of the Church,’ p. 619.]

VI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTERCOURSE
WITH OTHER CHURCHES,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

THE Luther commemoration has left its mark on the history of the Continental churches, and it is believed has given an impulse to the cause of Protestant truth, especially in Germany and German-speaking countries. Generally speaking, the door is open for the preaching of the Gospel, but little has yet been even attempted in comparison with the greatness of the opportunities.

In *France* the conflict continues between light and darkness. The prevalence of rationalistic teaching in many pulpits in the south is bearing its natural fruits. A pastor of that district complains that while cafés and places of amusement are crowded on Sundays, the attendance in certain Protestant places of worship has dwindled away to a shadow. He adds, 'the old family religion of the Huguenots, with its domestic worship, has almost entirely disappeared, especially in the manufacturing districts.' In France generally, it is lamented that 'the sinking of morals has not been checked, and that a generation is being formed ready for any monstrous doctrine or hideous crime.' The following note from a competent French witness is painfully significant:—'Atheism stalks abroad, and shows its hideous features in places unexpected; in a meeting called to consider the erection of a statue at Abbeville to the Chevalier de la Barre, a person of the gentler sex arose and made a speech against *Un nommé Dieu*—one called God! Against this some one present protested in the names of Voltaire, Rousseau, Robespierre, and others. This was received with hooting; but the chairman rose and explained that in believing in the existence of God, these great men had simply paid their tribute to the errors and superstitions of their times!' Dr. De Pressensé deplores 'the progressive demoralisation of our youths and of our country.' Yet while the propagandists of error are active, the friends of truth are not idle. Evangelistic effort continues. The 'Société Evangelique' of France lately celebrated its Jubilee. It employs about fifty agents in different departments of France. It has scattered the seed far and wide, it has planted and fostered the growth of not a few congregations, which have been gathered into the communion of the Reformed and Methodist Churches.

The McAll Mission continues to be prosecuted with vigour. The 'conferences' of M. Réveillaud throughout the country awaken deep interest, and of course a certain measure of hostility in priest-ridden communes. In many rural districts the thirst for the Gospel and curiosity about the new doctrine are great. Invitations sent home by children or otherwise will often bring half the population of a village to a barn

or farm-kitchen. Simple truth affectionately spoken, the singing of lively hymns, the avoidance of controversy, will secure a welcome for any evangelist.

In *Belgium* the Christian Missionary Church has before it a far larger field than it is able to overtake. It reaps the reward of its labours in the changed lives and deep gratitude of many inhabitants of towns and distant villages. The growing liberality of the converts is an encouraging feature. Generally speaking, those gathered to the faith in Roman Catholic countries are slow to learn this grace. But we note with pleasure that last year no less than £1,920 was subscribed by an adult membership of 3,923. The progress of the work in the Flemish section is slow and difficult. The venerable Pastor Anet, the founder and unfailing friend of the Church, has been obliged, in the midst of growing infirmities, to retire from the office he has held so long. He still continues his services, as far as strength will permit, under the title of 'Honorary General Secretary.' Never was more devoted and self-sacrificing work done for any Church than that done by this man greatly beloved. He is worthily succeeded in the office of General Secretary by his son, Pastor Kennedy Anet.

In *Spain* the various agencies are busily at work, and there are not wanting fruits of their labours.

In *Portugal*, owing to the ill-health of the Rev. R. Stewart, the funds have fallen off and difficulty has been experienced. It was feared that Mr. Menezes would have to leave his post in Lisbon, in consequence of this. But happily this calamity has been averted for the present, and the faithful pastor stays with his attached congregation. Through the preaching of the Word and the agency of the Sabbath School there is opportunity for accomplishing much good in Lisbon. It is most desirable that the friends of the Gospel should not be left without the means necessary for their important enterprise.

In *Italy*, a notable event was the opening, in November 1883, of the Waldensian Church in Rome, in the Via Nazionale. The monks of a neighbouring convent endeavoured to prevent the erection of a Protestant Church so near them. But a tedious process in law ended unfavourably to the convent. The Church was opened in the presence of friends and brethren from a distance, by the preaching of a sermon by the Rev. Signor Prochet and prayer by the venerable Signor Meille, of Turin. The existence of a Waldensian 'Temple' in Rome is a significant fact. The motto over the door is 'Lux lucet in tenebris.' May the aspirations of our Waldensian brethren be realised! During the year, Pastor Pons, of Naples, paid a visit to Calabria and found remains of the Waldensian colonies which once existed there. He found 'Waldensian names and also Waldensian traditions, usages, and customs.' He says, 'At Guardia Piemontese I even found the Waldensian language still in use. When I spoke to them in the dialect of Angrogna (his own native district), I was perfectly understood, and I could understand them easily; I was moved even to tears by the assurances of affection which I received from all as soon as they knew that I was one of their brethren, as they called me. . . . The men, as a rule, do not go to confession, and the women entertain a great repugnance to the practice.' At Guardia, he saw the remains of the Church built by the Waldenses,

having on the lintel of the door a portion of an inscription, which evidently ran thus: 'Evangelical Congregation, 1507.' In this place of sacred memories the Waldensian Church hope to form a station. In Sicily, Signor Varnier and Signor Scuderi have carried on a most interesting work of evangelisation. The authorities of the Romish Church are alarmed and angry, but the good work is spreading. It is matter of bright augury for Italy that the subject of union among the scattered Churches and agencies of Protestantism is at last being discussed. United Protestantism would have tenfold the force of divided Protestantism.

In *Germany*, one hopeful feature is a movement in favour of the better observance of the Lord's Day. The Postmaster-General has diminished the hours for postal services on Sundays. The Legislative Assembly has, by a considerable majority, requested Government to forbid the holding of Industrial Schools during the hours of divine service. An effort which deserves our warm sympathy is being made by Dr. Christlieb, of Bonn, for the training of earnest young men to act as Evangelists in Germany.

In *Austria* the progress toward real religious liberty is slow. The children of Protestants in Bohemia are taught in Roman Catholic schools, and the provisions which nominally give them some protection against being taught the doctrines and ways of Rome are, to a great extent, ineffectual. Protestant teachers in public schools are compelled by law to take part in the Roman Catholic ceremonies, to utter the Ave Maria, &c. Under such circumstances Protestantism has a hard struggle for life. The General Presbyterian Council which met in Philadelphia resolved to raise a Fund of £5,000 in aid of the work of the Bohemian Church. An appeal is now being made in order to secure this most desirable object. It is hoped that the response in England will be liberal.

In *Scandinavia* there is inquiry after Gospel truth, and even in *Russia* rays of light penetrate among the venerable formalities of the old Greek Church. The efforts of earnest men like Lord Radstock and Mr. Reginald Radcliffe are yielding good results.

On the continent of Europe generally we have a noble opportunity. Who can estimate the value to the world of a country like France or Italy, in the heart of the ancient civilisations, being won for Christ? The activity of atheistic and socialistic propagandism, and in some places of daring crime and unblushing immorality, are but evidences and features of the conflict. But the Truth is great, and will prevail.

Our home churches have as yet imperfectly realised the responsibility which this state of things imposes on them. The wealth of British Protestantism is abundant; the poverty of some of the best agencies on the Continent for spreading the Gospel is great. A few streams from our fulness would refresh them, toiling often to the extent of heroic self-sacrifice, and would not leave us poorer. It is not saying too much to add that, judging from the elements before us, nowhere on earth does seed sown promise or yield a richer harvest than on certain fields of Continental Europe.

In these circumstances, it is with regret that your Committee have

to record a falling off in the funds for the year 1883. Additional claims are being made upon us. We are asked to aid the good work begun forty years ago by Dr. Kalley in Madeira, and to support at our College a Hungarian student, who might carry back to his country knowledge of the methods of Protestant England. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the Continental lands for light, help, and refuge afforded us in the days of the Reformation. What we can do now should not be left undone, to repay so great a debt. But with a declining treasury how is this to be accomplished? No doubt diminution of means is not confined to this particular Fund, but is unhappily general as regards the various enterprises of the Church, and must be set down not to indifference about the cause, but to depression in business and a shrinkage of resources throughout the country. The total income of the General Fund of this Committee is less by £14 in 1883 than in 1882, and the amount contributed for special objects is less by £70. The income for the General Fund from Congregations is less by £64. The feature, however, which your Committee view with most regret is the diminution by sixteen in the number of Congregations contributing. In recent years the number of such Congregations has been gradually rising. Only eighty-six of our Congregations have contributed in 1883. It is earnestly hoped that office-bearers will everywhere give their flocks the opportunity of aiding this scheme, and that an enterprise, which has been undertaken by the whole Church, shall not be left to depend for its support upon one-third of its Congregations.

The following grants have been made by the Committee from the collections of the past year :—

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BELGIUM : Christian Missionary Church of Belgium .	60	0	0
FRANCE : Evangelical Society of France . . .	40	0	0
Evangelical Society of Geneva . . .	40	0	0
Evangelistic Work of the Union of the			
Free Churches	25	0	0
Mr. McAlp's Mission	25	0	0
ITALY : The Free Church of Italy	30	0	0
Waldensian Church Mission	50	0	0
SPAIN : Spanish Evangelisation Society	50	0	0
PORTUGAL : Lisbon Mission (by the Rev. R. Stewart) .	20	0	0
BOHEMIA : Bohemian and Moravian Evangelisation .	40	0	0
BRITANNY : Evangelistic Work of the Church of the			
Welsh Calvinistic Methodists	10	0	0
HUNGARY : Towards support of Hungarian Student			
at the Presbyterian College, London .	10	0	0
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The following Deputations have fulfilled the commissions given them by the Synod. The Rev. D. Fotheringham attended the Synod of the Free Churches of France at Mazamet; the Rev. Dr. Grosart attended the Belgian Synod at Jumet; and the Rev. W. Fraser attended the Waldensian Synod at La Tour. In all cases the Deputies were warmly

received, and returned bearing the fraternal greetings of the Churches which they visited. As appointed, the Moderator and the Rev. Geo. Johnstone, of Liverpool, Deputies to the Irish Presbyterian Church, conveyed the greetings of this Church and met with a cordial reception. The Free Church of Scotland was approached by a letter signed by the Moderator and Clerk. This year the Free Church will be approached by Deputation, and the Irish Presbyterian Church by letter. As yet the negotiations with the Free Church of Scotland, in reference to co-operation on the part of our Church with theirs, in maintaining one or more of the stations for English-speaking families on the Continent, have not resulted in action.

The Federal Council held a well-attended and most satisfactory meeting in Glasgow on the 26th of February, 1884, when subjects of deep interest to both Churches were discussed. Among other things, a deliverance from the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church on 'Evangelistic Agencies outside the Church' was tabled. A corresponding deliverance from our Synod was expected, but owing to the circumstance that it was found impossible to consider this subject at the last meeting of Synod, there was no such deliverance to present. This matter should accordingly be taken into consideration by our Synod before the next meeting of the Federal Council. Said Council adjourned till November, 1886.

The next meeting of the General Presbyterian Council is appointed to take place in Belfast on the 24th of June and following days in this year. The preparations made, and the responses already received to invitations, lead us to anticipate a large and successful assemblage of this important representative body.

In name of the Committee,

R. H. LUNDIE,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church'—Continental Missions Fund, p. 631.]

LETTER FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND TO THE SYNOD OF THE PRES-
BYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

HONOURED AND BELOVED BRETHREN.—We desire to convey to you the expression of our Christian regard, and of our warm sympathy with you in your work, in the difficulties you meet with, and the success with which you are favoured.

We are glad to know that the Deputies we sent to you last year were all able to attend your Synod, and they have reported the cordial reception accorded to them, and the sentiments of brotherly love and esteem expressed towards them and us by your Synod.

We have also to acknowledge the receipt of the letter addressed to us by your Synod in May last year, which was read to our Assembly on June 5, and recorded in our Minutes. Your affectionate greeting, the expression of your warm esteem, and the promise of your prayers therein conveyed, we desire now to most sincerely reciprocate.

We congratulate you on your steady progress and the goodly visibility to which you have attained with your ten Presbyteries, and 290 charges and stations. We rejoice that you are not merely a Scotch Church in England, but that your principles, your polity, and your worship are laying hold of the English mind and heart, for we are well assured of what you so dearly express, that Presbyterianism is sealed to and claims the confidence and acceptance of Englishmen, ‘as a polity which is rooted as well in the constitution of human society as in the principles of New Testament Church order.’ We believe it forms the most reasonable and the soundest basis for that work of evangelisation in which you are called to take a full share, and which can, we think, be most surely built up on a system of enlightened doctrine and mutually helpful organisation, associating together in the Church’s work both the pastorate and the people.

We congratulate you on the fuller equipment of your College, and we pray that it may be ever growingly an illustrious School of the prophets sending forth from year to year pious and accomplished pastors well equipped for the Master’s service.

In your great and successful Mission work in China, we are honoured to be in some degree associated with you. We watch it with unbroken interest, for it our prayers ascend. To the Great Head of the Church who has so largely blessed it be all the glory.

As to ourselves, we have much to be thankful for, and much reason to praise the Lord for his goodness to us as a Church. At our coming Assembly there will be conspicuous blanks; for the year has continued to thin, as indeed every year must, the ranks of the Fathers of 1843. Foremost among the missed, one of those whom you signal out in your letter as worthy of special regard, Sir Henry Moncreiff stands pre-eminent. His great experience, his wise advice, his genial influence,

will not be easily supplied. Nor in other directions will it be easy to fill the place occupied by the lamented Dr. Begg. The Church has also to mourn the loss of eminent elders and members. But as the elders pass on to their reward, there come on ever those whom the Master calls to fill their places. He does not leave Himself without His witnesses; and though individuals come and go, the Church, which is His visible body, abides the same.

In our Home Mission work we have had much encouragement and some enlargement. Nevertheless the need grows faster than all the efforts of all the Churches seem able to meet. Our Foreign Missions, too, increase from year to year in importance, both as to extent of field and nature of operation. We have much laid to our hand, many opportunities opened to us, great responsibilities thrust upon us. Pray for us, Fathers and Brethren, that as our day is, so our strength may be.

To your Church, beloved brethren, we are ever bound by the strongest as well as most tender ties. Many of our best sons are among you; and in seeking your welfare we acknowledge that we are truly caring for our own. Let us go together, then, hand in hand in every good work. Farewell. Peace be within thy walls, prosperity within thy palaces. For our brethren and companions' sakes we will now say, Peace be within thee, Because of the house of the Lord our God, we will seek thy good.

In the name and on behalf of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

HORATIUS BONAR, *Moderator*.

VII.

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

YOUR Committee are able to report that the condition of the College has continued satisfactory. The chief event of interest has been the completion of the staff of professors. In obedience to the instructions of last Synod, Prof. W. G. Elmslie was inducted by the Presbytery of London on October 9th, and the session was opened the same day by an address from him on 'M. Rénan,' which has since been published.

The College would thus for the first time have been working with its full complement of four professors, but for the serious illness of Principal Chalmers, which, the Committee regret to say, incapacitated him for almost all his work. Very satisfactory arrangements were made by the Principal himself for the conduct of his classes in the meantime, and the Committee have the satisfaction of adding that the Principal has since, by God's blessing, sufficiently recovered to resume part of his work in person.

At the Exit Examination of 1883, five students passed out of the College, and were all licensed by the Presbytery of London. One of them, the Rev. Francis Slade, has since been ordained at Silvertown, in the Presbytery of London; another, Mr. Croall, at Leeds; a third, Mr. MacClellan, at Wooler; and a fourth, Mr. Kettle, at Whitehaven. Mr. Middlemiss also, who left the College in the previous year for study on the Continent, has since been licensed, and is now assisting Dr. Saphir, at Belgrave, London.

The attendance at the College this year has been as follows:—

First Year.

William F. Craigie
Robert H. Lyall, M.A.
Thomas W. Macpherson
Alexander Matheson, M.A.
William Murray
B. L. Paton, B.A.

William Thorp, M.A.
James A. Watt
William Watt
J. S. R. Currie (American Presb. Ch.)
also attended classes.

Of the above named nine students who belong to our own Church, only one had not taken a complete University course, and he was specially admitted to the Entrance Examination, which he passed satis-

factorily. Six, namely, Messrs. Lyall, Paton, Thorp, Matheson, Murray and Macpherson passed with Honours in the order of the names now given.

Second Year.

(Admitted after Examination.)

Hugh S. Anderson, M.A.
 Ellis Hewitt
 Dugald S. McCallum
 David M. McIntyre
 James Peddie, M.A.
 Thomas O. Scott, M.A.
 Denham S. Boyd, B.A. (Irish Presb.
 Ch.), also attended classes

Third Year.

(Admitted after Examination.)

John W. Black (excused Examination
 on account of illness)
 Walter C. Blount
 Thomas F. Darroch
 Peter A. Milne
 Edward Ross, M.A.
 George Samuel, M.A.
 James A. G. Stirling
 George M. Storrar, B.A.
 Thomas L. Turnbull
 Lee M. Fleming, B.A. (Irish Presb.
 Ch.), also attended classes

The names of Ebenezer Black and William A. M. Thomson stood in last year's list, but we regret to say that both these gentlemen have hitherto been unable to resume their studies owing to serious ill-health.

The Scholarships were awarded as follows:—

A.—UNDERGRADUATE.

Hamilton, £40...	...	...	Mr. E. H. E. Franks, Wigan (Victoria University).
Anderson, £25...	...	...	Mr. H. Neil, Manchester (Glasgow University).
Duncan, £25 ...	...	...	Mr. R. Gillie, Newcastle (Durham University).
M'Kerrow, £20	...	...	Mr. Wright, London (Victoria University).

B.—THEOLOGICAL.

First Year.

Hewley	...	...	...	Mr. Lyall.
Muter, £30	...	...	...	Mr. Paton.
Newcastle, £25	...	...	...	Mr. Thorp.
Munro, £20	...	...	...	Mr. Matheson.

Second Year.

Hewley	...	...	...	Mr. Peddie.
Muter, £30	...	...	...	Mr. Scott.
Regent Square, £20	...	...	...	Mr. McIntyre.

Third Year.

Crichton (New Test.), £25	...	...	...	Mr. Storrar.
Hewley	...	...	...	Mr. Ross.
Gillespie, £50	...	...	...	Mr. Samuel.
Muter, £30	...	...	...	Mr. Turnbull.

The Evangelistic Essay Prize of £5 was awarded to Mr. George Samuel, M.A., for an Essay on the 'Evangelistic Labours of the Apostle Paul.' The subject for this year's essay is:—'The dealing of the Lord Jesus with individual souls, and the lessons to be learnt therefrom for dealing with individuals in evangelistic work.'

During the year your Committee have considered the suggestions made by the Visitors and remitted to them by last Synod:—

1. Plans for a Gymnasium have been drawn, and the estimated cost of erection is £500. This could scarcely be afforded out of ordinary revenue. But if friends of the College will provide the means the gymnasium would be of real service.

2. No additions to the Library Fund have been received. The Committee have decided to revert for the present to the custom of allotting £25 a year from ordinary revenue for the purchase of books. But the valuable library of the late Rev. Charles Moir, of Chatham, has been generously given by Mrs. Moir to the College. About 360 volumes will thus be added to the College Library; while a further sum of about £11 is being realised by the sale of duplicates which was authorised by the donor. In the interests of the students your Committee advise that the rules for the use of the library by ministers and probationers should not be altered for the present.

3. The establishment of a fund for a biennial class of Elocution is highly desirable. A warm friend of the College has offered generous help towards this object, and it is hoped that it will be achieved during the current year. It needs a special capital fund of about £350.

4 and 5. The House Committee has been strengthened, and the recommendation of strict economy made an instruction to it.

6. The custody of scholarship deeds has been under the Committee's consideration since June 1882. Instructions have been given for the completion of incomplete deeds, to be lodged in the safe of the Presbytery of London, the Robertson bequest being vested by deed in the hands of the existing College Trustees. The attention of the Trustees has been called to the desirability of consolidating the various trusts for College purposes.

Two other matters were remitted by the Synod. (1) The Board of Examination has arranged its members in order with a view to the retirement of one each year. Two retirements from the Board, not due to the working of the new scheme, occur this year. Dr. Kennedy Moore, the senior member, has demitted his charge at Portsmouth, and Mr. Elmslie has been appointed to the chair of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis. Your Committee therefore recommend that there be no retirement this year under the new scheme.

(2) The application by an Undergraduate of the University of Cambridge to have his course of study for the Theological Tripos counted as part of his preparation for the ministry in our Church, has been considered, in consultation with the Senatus. The Committee recommend that the applicant be required to attend classes of the third year.

Finance.—The Fund for Better Endowment, which was practi-

cally completed last year, has received an addition of £275, so that the amount now reached is £13,633. But, as was pointed out last year, this does not do away with the necessity of raising about £1,250 by Congregational contributions. A serious falling off is, however, again to be observed. The amounts for the last four years have been £1,267, £1,255, £1,100, and now £942. Congregations which used loyally to make the collection have given it up. Only 144 Congregations (about half) contributed last year, as against 154 in 1882. This seems to indicate a belief that the collection is hardly necessary. The result is that after beginning the year with a debtor balance of £217, we close it with a creditor balance of £211, while improvements recommended by the Synod's Visitors have to be deferred, because even our regular expenditure is not met. Apart from the consideration of loyalty which should insure to every Congregation an opportunity of contributing to each of the Synod's schemes, this collection brings to the hearts and into the prayers of the people a matter which demands much prayer, and on which much of the Church's success at home and abroad must depend.

One matter remains to be submitted for the Synod's decision. The expenses of the Visitors appointed by the Synod were paid by the Treasurership Committee out of College revenue. Your Committee submit that the Visitation was the Synod's action taken to satisfy itself of the efficiency of one of its schemes, and ask that expenses under this head may be paid out of the Synod Fund.

The Resident Professor reports as follows :—

The Collegeregulations have been well observed by students in residence. There has been manifest great diligence in study; and much good work has been got through. I append reports by the various Secretaries of the Societies which are connected with the College. It will be observed that the Missionary Society has commenced operations in a London district. The work has succeeded to an encouraging extent, and it has been very useful to the students themselves. While I find that the employment of students as regular missionaries during their College course often seriously interferes with their College duties, the voluntary labour of the Society has been productive of unmixed good. It has served to keep the students in living sympathy with the work of the Church, and I trust we shall find it possible to keep on this part of the work of our Missionary Society.

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The attempt made last year to extend the field of the Society's operations to the provinces was abundantly justified by the result, and gave promise of still greater success in the future.

Altogether, twenty-three Congregations of the Church were visited, and collections were received amounting to £134 8s. 7d. This amount was increased by private subscriptions to £157 2s. 11d. After deducting expenses, the balance of £148 14s. was paid to Rev. George Wisely, on behalf of the Mission to the Soldiers and Sailors at Malta.

The mission whose welfare the Society is trying this year to promote is the mission to the Kabyles, Algeria.

The monthly meetings of the Society have been held as usual, and

addresses on missionary or kindred topics have been delivered by ministers specially interested in missions.

The Home Mission work, which in previous years was carried on by the students independently, became a recognised part of the Society's work last year. The change has proved most beneficial. The work is more consolidated, and the help afforded from the funds of the Society has removed difficulties which previously hampered it.

A large and comfortable hall in a densely populated district was secured at a moderate rent, and Evangelistic services have been held regularly every Sunday evening. A Sunday School is also carried on, in which, as also in the evening meeting, valuable assistance is rendered by several Christian friends. The houses of the district are regularly visited, and it is felt that the efforts put forth in all these directions have been greatly blessed.

STUDENTS' THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The usual fortnightly meetings have been held during the session.

The introductory lecture was delivered by Rev. J. Cunningham, M.A., who chose for his subject the 'Divinity of Christ.'

The following are some of the subjects brought before the Society during the present session:—'Utilitarianism in relation to Christianity,' 'Luther,' 'The Second Coming,' 'Introduction of Christianity into Scotland,' 'The Theological Significance of the Arthurian Legends.'

STUDENTS' MUSICAL SOCIETY.

This Society is in the first year of its existence. It was founded at the beginning of the present session for the purpose of cultivating musical taste and for the practice especially of the music in 'Church Praise' and the hymns used in the students' Home Mission work.

Principal Chalmers is president of the Society. The meetings for practice have been held regularly four times a week during the session, and the interest has been well sustained throughout.

The Committee, in conclusion, would beg the Synod to bespeak on behalf of this important institution of our Church a continued share in the public and private intercessions of all her members; convinced that while we do what is possible to provide preachers and pastors who shall be fully trained for their work and abreast of the scholarship of our time, the great need of the Church is that her future leaders should be men 'anointed,' like their Master, 'with the Holy Ghost and with power.' Let prayer be made on their behalf without ceasing.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,
Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' General Fund, p. 632; Scholarships, p. 634.]

VIII.
REPORT OF THE COLLEGE TRUSTEES,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

THE Trustees have received the further sum of £320 in aid of the New Endowment Fund.

The only other special fact they have to report is that in consequence of the erection of a new building of great height immediately adjoining their freehold premises in the Strand, they were advised to take preliminary steps in an action for the protection of their lights, and they are still in communication with the company to whom the new building belongs.

The investments remain as follows, standing in the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
CHARLES GRAHAM SCOTT,
WILLIAM BALLANTYNE,

£4,000 London and North-Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£3,600 Great Western Railway 5 per Cent. Consolidated Preference Stock.

£1,965 Great Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
HUGH MACKAY MATHESON,
CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS,

£1,200 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway $4\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£1,000 Great Northern Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
WILLIAM BALLANTYNE,

52 Shares in the Imperial Bank.

26 Shares in the London Joint-Stock Bank

53 Shares in the Union Bank of London.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS,

£5,000 Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Railway and Dock Company 4½ per Cent. Debenture Bonds.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
ROBERT WALES,
ROBERT MORTON,

£1,000 Caledonian Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£1,000 South-Eastern Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£1,000 Midland Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£2,060 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£1,000 Great Eastern Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£1,000 London and North-Western Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

13 New Shares in the London Joint-Stock Bank. Three Instalments paid.

12 New Shares in the Union Bank of London. Three Instalments paid.

227 Strand, Moiety of Freehold.

Submitted, on behalf of the Trustees, by

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 633.]

IX.
REPORT OF THE SENATUS OF THE
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

THE following Report is submitted of the College Work carried on during the session of 1883-84.

Rev. Principal Chalmers, D.D.

DIVINITY.

A severe illness, with which I was suddenly seized immediately after the rising of last Synod, and from which I have only partially recovered, has quite unfitted me for the duties of the session. Total cessation of work, and a residence for the winter in a warmer climate, were prescribed by my medical advisers; but the mildness of the season, coupled with considerable improvement in health and strength, rendered it possible for me to remain in or near London. I have been able, in consequence, to do part at least of my ordinary work.

Apologetics.—This class (comprising the students of the first year) has been taught by Drs. Graham, Kennedy Moore, Morison, and Munro Gibson. It will be in the recollection of the Synod that the chair of Apologetics was vacant for some time, and that it was put in commission during the sessions 1877-78, and 1878-79. The first three gentlemen named above were amongst those who were appointed to lecture on Apologetics. Accordingly I have been able to avail myself of their able and brotherly help. They have taken those portions of the Apologetic course which were formerly assigned to them. Dr. Graham has dealt with the Theistic argument, and with some of the phases of Anti-Theism. Dr. Moore has discussed the Materialistic Theories of the present day; and Dr. Morison has taken up the External Evidence for the truth of Christianity. Dr. Gibson, although not prepared like the others by having previously taken part in a course of Apologetics, has very kindly charged himself with the subject of the Internal Evidence.

These brethren have placed me under deep obligation, which I may be permitted thus publicly to acknowledge. I trust the whole arrangement will commend itself to the Synod as the best which, in the circum-

stances, it was possible for me to make. The labours of these brethren, I am sure, has more than compensated for my lack of service.

Dogmatics.—In this class I have received the valuable aid of the Rev. W. Ballantyne, who read to the students my Lectures on ‘The Person and the Work of Christ,’ and conducted examinations, oral and written. My lectures being all in shorthand, it was necessary for me to have them extended before they could be used by Mr. Ballantyne. I therefore dictated to an amanuensis, or transcribed with my own hand, some forty lectures—as many, indeed, as carried on the class till the beginning of February. The labour, however, was very great, and tended to retard my recovery; and as my health had improved, it appeared to me that I should undergo less strain if I took in hand the remainder of the course. Accordingly, since the beginning of February, I have done the work of the Dogmatic class myself, and I have delivered some twenty-five lectures on ‘The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Application of Redemption,’ and on ‘The Doctrine of the Sacraments,’ interspersing them with examinations, oral and written. The text-books used in the Dogmatic Class by Mr. Ballantyne and myself are Hodge’s ‘Systematic Theology,’ and Crawford on ‘The Atonement.’

I regret that no permanent provision has yet been made for the instruction of the students in elocution.

I have received favourable reports from my brethren who have acted for me as to the diligence and demeanour of the students; and my own experience in the last two months has been generally satisfactory.

Should it please God to spare my life to another session, I have every reason to believe that, by His blessing on restorative measures, my health and strength will be fairly adequate to the discharge of my duties in both of my classes.

Rev. Professor Graham, D.D.

CHURCH HISTORY AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY.

During this session of 1883–84, I have been occupied in the Senior Class with the portion of Church History lying between A.D. 100 and 430, that is, from the death of the Apostle John to the death of Augustine. I have devoted a day every week to Homiletics, chiefly in the handling of Scripture texts either in the form of sermon or lecture. With these I have mingled examinations, written and oral, so as to vary the lines of instruction and fix impressions.

In the Junior Class I have gone over the earlier period of Church History up to the beginning of the third century. During the longest part of the session I have devoted one day every week to Homiletics, following the same method in this, as well as in examinations, as with the Senior Class.

In both classes I have found the students, taken altogether, regular, diligent, and interested—in some instances in a very remarkable and satisfactory degree.

Rev. Professor Gibb.

NEW TESTAMENT EXEGESIS.

I lectured to the Senior Class this session on the Writings of St. John. I also delivered a course of lectures on the History and Principles of Biblical Hermeneutics. I read with them portions from St. Paul's Epistles, and gave exegetical lectures on the portions read. I also gave a short course of lectures on Textual Criticism. There were four written examinations during the session, and I had reason to be satisfied with the results of these examinations. Every student in the class wrote an exegetical paper on a prescribed passage from the Greek Testament.

To the Junior Class I gave lectures on the subject of the Times of the New Testament. We read together a portion of one of the Gospels, and the Epistle to the Hebrews, and I gave exegetical lectures on the portions read. There were three written examinations during the session, and the answers of the students gave evidence of diligence and attention. Every student wrote an exegetical paper on a prescribed passage from the New Testament.

Rev. Professor Elmslie, M.A.

HEBREW AND OLD TESTAMENT EXEGESIS.

In the Junior Class the first half of the session is spent on the Grammar. The principles and laws of the language are set forth in condensed notes, which are dictated to the students, illustrated by copious explanations and examples, and imprinted on the memory by written exercises and appropriate readings. During the latter half of the session the class reads a considerable portion of Genesis, and some of the simpler Psalms, with historical and exegetical comments, and occasionally a lecture is delivered. Written examinations are held monthly.

In the Senior Class the greater part of the time is devoted to practice in the translation and interpretation of the prophetic and poetical books of the Old Testament. This year the students have read the prophecy of Micah, the first half of the Book of Leviticus, the prophecy of Malachi, and a selection of the more important Psalms. Some study has been given to Critical and Apologetic questions, and constant attention has been paid, in the course of reading, to the principles and contents of Old Testament Theology. Special lectures have been delivered on important topics, such as the Moabite Inscription; the Sacrificial Legislation and Symbolism; the Poetry, Apologetic Value, and leading Doctrinal Ideas of the Psalter, and other subjects. The work of the class was revised, and the diligence of the students tested by means of written examinations held every two months.

Submitted, on behalf of the Senatus, by

WILLIAM CHALMERS,

Principal.

X.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTIONS
TO COLLEGE VISITORS,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

As instructed by last Synod, we have conferred with the Visitors who visited the College in the year 1882-83, and ascertained that the *interim* instructions on which they acted, and which are found to be in the Minutes of Synod 1882, page 620, were found to be on the whole suitable and sufficient. We therefore recommend that the following be now definitely adopted as 'Instructions for the Guidance of Future Visitors of the College,' viz. :—

1. The Visitors shall have full power to inquire into, and are instructed to report upon, the supply and training of the Church's students for the Holy Ministry, the curriculum of study, the standard of entrance and exit examinations, the good order and internal arrangements of the House, the management of College finance, the condition of the College property, with all other matters affecting the well-being and efficiency of the College.

2. With a view to acquire a personal acquaintance with the actual condition and working of the institution, they shall pay at least one visit to the College when it is in session, at such time as may be found convenient on consultation with the Senatus.

3. They shall have access to all books and papers relative to the subjects of their inquiry which are in the hands of the Senatus, the Committee, or the Trustees of the College.

4. They are expected to report the results of their inquiry with such a measure of fulness as shall put the Church at large in a position to judge of the condition of the College, as well as to express their own opinion on the same.

5. They shall also embody in their Report such suggestions as seem to them, or to a majority of them, to be deserving of consideration by the Church.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,

Convener.

XI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

THE Committee, as heretofore, have endeavoured to allocate the opportunities for preaching in vacant charges and preaching stations amongst the preachers at command with as much impartiality and fairness as it was in their power to exercise. It is pleasing to note that the men who come from our own college are eagerly sought after; and, speaking generally, they soon find a settlement within the bounds of our own Church.

I. *Names of those received on Roll A. during the year:—*

Rev. W. H. Jellie, Minister.	Rev. A. McClellan, Probationer.
„ Andrew Lees „	„ F. Slade „
„ W. A. S. Croall, Probationer.	„ J. Mitchell, B.D. „
„ W. E. Crothers „	„ W. Thornbeck, Minister.
„ A. C. Kettle „	„ John J. Middlemiss, Probationer

II. *Names removed during the year:—*

Rev. J. Mitchell, B.D., settled at Chester.	
„ W. H. Jellie „	Canterbury.
„ F. Slade „	Silvertown.
„ S. T. Dickenson, removed to Roll B. (Rule 4.)	
„ A. McClellan, settled at Cheviot Street, Wooler.	
„ W. A. S. Croall „	St. Columba, Leeds.
„ A. C. Kettle „	High Street, Whitehaven.
„ Andrew Lees „	Chatham.

III. *Names now on Roll A. for supply of vacancies:—*

Rev. Geo. Bennett.	Rev. R. J. Adamson, M.A.
„ Geo. Henry.	„ William Dunn.
„ William Weatherstone.	„ W. E. Crothers.
„ F. B. Whitmore, B.A.	„ W. Thornbeck.
„ James Hall.	„ John J. Middlemiss.
„ Thomas Stenhouse.	

IV. List of present vacancies :—

Risley.	Whitfield, London.	Southwark, London.
Killingworth.	Belford.	Swansea.
Whalley Range,	Oxendon, London.	Grosvenor Sq., M'chester.
Manchester.	Sutton.	Newbiggin.
Stamfordham.	Tweedmouth.	Portsmouth.
Workington.	Bedlington.	Reading.
Marsh Lane, L'pool.	Rochdale.	

V. List of preaching stations :—

Alderney.	Penruddock.	Great Salkeld.
Tunley.	Holy Island.	Cambridge.
East Moulsey.	West Kirby.	Silloth.
Swindon.	Oldham.	Wimbledon.

The attention of the Synod is called to the following recommendation of the Committee, which is referred to the Supreme Court for its judgment thereon :—

That the Synod be recommended to make the reception of any person on Roll B. conditional, exactly as in the case of Roll A., on the concurrent judgment of the Presbytery and Committee, that it is expedient so to do.

In the event of this recommendation being adopted, it will be necessary that Rule 5 be altered accordingly. The Committee suggest that it run in the following terms :—

Roll B. shall consist of licentiates and ordained ministers who are not on Roll A., and are willing to render occasional pulpit service ; such names to be placed on this Roll (as on Roll A.) on the concurrent judgment of the Committee and their respective Presbyteries that it is expedient to do so.

It is suggested by the Committee that the following verbal alteration be made in Rule 11 : Instead of the word ' stipend ' in clauses (a) and (b) the following words be substituted, ' contribution of congregation towards stipend.'

In the name of the Committee,

JAMES MUIR,
Convener.

XII.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION
OF YOUTH,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

LAST Synod entrusted the whole of the Church's work amongst the young to the care of this Committee, and appropriately marked this enlargement of labours and responsibilities by a change of name. What during two previous years was the 'Committee on the *Higher* Instruction of Youth,' is now the 'Committee on the Instruction of Youth'; and its Report must embrace Sabbath Schools, the Synod's Day Schools, and an effort to foster systematic Daily Bible Reading amongst children, besides the Higher Instruction scheme.

The Synod in its wisdom sought to make provision for the Committee's necessary expenditure by handing over to them the annual collection for Day Schools, and authorising an appeal to the Church for increased liberality, the grants to Day Schools being made a first charge on the Committee's income; but the expenses of the Higher Instruction scheme (hitherto met by private subscriptions), and the cost of any operations which may be initiated by way of encouragement and help in the conduct of Sabbath Schools, falling to be defrayed by the proceeds of the same September collection.

The collection has produced £101 2s. more than that taken in the autumn of 1882 for Day Schools. But it must be remembered that the sum placed at the disposal of the College Committee for Day Schools in 1882 was £54 less than was required to meet the Annual Grants. The first collection this Committee have received will therefore scarcely provide for these Grants and for the Higher Instruction scheme; and if the Committee are to give any assistance in the development of Sabbath Schools, the Church must provide the necessary funds on a somewhat more liberal scale. Out of the 279 Congregations on the Synod's roll, 209 made no collection in 1883 for the Instruction of Youth.

At the first meeting of the Committee after last Synod, it was agreed that the Higher Instruction scheme, the Synod's Day Schools, and the Sabbath Schools be each put under the special charge of a Vice-Convener, who would report from time to time as to matters requiring the Committee's decision, and would be generally responsible each for his own Department.

The Committee were fortunate enough to be able to make appoint-

ments to those offices which command the confidence of the Church—Mr. MacPhail, of Liverpool, to be Vice-Convener for the Higher Instruction scheme; Mr. White, of Tynemouth, to be Vice-Convener for the Day Schools; and Mr. James Robb to be Vice-Convener for the Sabbath Schools.

The Report will naturally fall chiefly under the three heads—(I.) Higher Instruction; (II.) Day Schools; and (III.) Sabbath Schools, embracing also, however, some mention of a fourth department, which the Committee have ventured to undertake: (IV.) A Young People's Bible Band.

I. Higher Instruction.—A supplementary Report, containing a full account of the results of the third spring examination, will be submitted to the Synod. (See Appendix B.) The examination papers set to the candidates are also appended to this Report. (See Appendix A.)

The number of candidates presenting themselves this year for examination is less than the numbers in the two previous years, a fact probably to be accounted for by an impression which prevails that the examination is too severe. The Committee are most anxious to attract the young people of the Church to the studies they recommend, and to mark their approval of diligence and success in these studies by the Certificates and Diplomas granted. It should, however, be borne in mind that the questions proposed in the examination papers have to satisfy two conditions somewhat difficult to reconcile: they must not be such as to appear trivial to those who have enjoyed superior educational advantages, and yet they must not repel others who are seeking by praiseworthy labours to supply the defects of an education interrupted perhaps early in life. The Committee have at present under consideration the question of what alterations it may possibly be expedient to make in the conditions of a pass at its examinations, or in the classification of the candidates. But still more than from any changes in these directions they hope for beneficial results from proposals which they now lay before the Synod. Part of the difficulty which has arisen as to the character of the Higher Instruction Examination has been caused by the fact that experience gained in the conduct of one examination could not readily be taken advantage of on subsequent occasions, inasmuch as the examiners were different each year. It would not have been possible indeed to induce the honoured brethren who have rendered this service to undertake the duty for more than one year, the labour involved being both tedious and great. But by establishing a responsible Board of Examiners, with suitable rules regarding retirement, and by laying much of the work of valuing the answers of candidates upon younger men, who shall win their spurs by giving assistance as sub-examiners, the Committee will be able to secure that the successive examinations shall apply a fair and uniform test to the knowledge of candidates, and that thus it may cease to be difficult to satisfy the reasonable wishes of teachers and pupils engaging in the study of the subjects on the programme. The Synod will accordingly be asked to nominate the members of a Higher Instruction Examination Board, comprising one member for each subject of examination (namely, four for the present year), who shall retire one

each year after the first two years; and whose duty it will be to prepare the examination questions, each member of the Board preparing both the papers in his own subject; and who shall together revise the papers before they are set to candidates, so as to ensure uniformity of standard; the answers of the candidates to be valued by sub-examiners, chosen from time to time by the Committee; but in every case in which not less than 75 per cent. of the possible marks has been obtained, the valuation to be revised by the member of the Board who has drawn up the questions.

The following gentlemen have been examiners-in-chief for this year:—Prof. Elmslie; Dr. Millar-Nicolson, of Jersey; the Rev. J. B. Meharry, of Newcastle; Prof. Macalister, of Cambridge University; William Carruthers, Esq.; and Dr. Wright, of the British and Foreign Bible Society. It is hoped that four of these gentlemen may be willing to serve as the first members of the new Board. They have been assisted by the following sub-examiners:—The Rev. T. Dods, of Crook, Darlington; the Rev. W. A. Walton, of Sunderland; the Rev. T. Boyd, of Bishop Auckland; the Rev. J. Robertson, of Pendleton, Manchester; the Rev. Alex. Jeffrey, of Ipswich; the Rev. William Steele, of South Shields; the Rev. A. H. Drysdale, of Morpeth; Alex. Clark, Esq.; the Rev. Benjamin Bell, of Withington, Manchester; the Rev. D. Matheson, of Roehampton, London; the Rev. T. White, of Tynemouth, and the Rev. J. D. Watters, of Cardiff.

Through the kindness of generous friends, the Committee have again been enabled to offer prizes, ranging downwards from six guineas, to essayists of distinguished merit, a sum of £25 having been contributed for this special purpose.

The Committee request the Synod's approval of the following programme of study for 1884–85:—

I. SUBJECTS FOR EXAMINATION.

1. The First Book of Samuel, Chapters XVI.–XXXI.

Text-book: Kirkpatrick's Notes on the First Book of Samuel (in *Cambridge Bible for Schools*).

2. The First Epistle of St. Peter.

Text-book: Salmond's 'Life and Epistles of Peter' (in *Bible Class Primers*).

3. The First Three Centuries of the Christian Church.

Text-book: Islay Burns's 'First Three Christian Centuries,' pages 1–121, Special Edition, without appendix.

4. The Shorter Catechism, Questions 1–19.

For Junior Students the text of the Catechism alone to be prescribed.
For Senior Students the Examination to be founded on Whyte's 'Commentary on the Shorter Catechism' (in *Handbooks for Bible Classes*), omitting the questions appended to the Notes on each question of the Catechism.

II. SUBJECTS FOR ESSAYS.

1. For Junior Students: 'John Calvin and his work as a Reformer.'
2. For Senior Students: 'The Teaching of the New Testament on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.'

II. *Day Schools*.—The Committee are glad to report that they have at length secured the assistance of a gentleman resident in the locality where most of these schools are situated, and possessed of scholastic experience specially fitting him to take an intelligent interest in their welfare. The Rev. Thomas White, of Tynemouth, has been appointed Vice-Convener in charge of this department. He has only begun as yet to make himself acquainted with the details, but it is his intention to avail himself of every opportunity to become acquainted with the schools by personally visiting them. Meantime he reports that they appear to be generally in a satisfactory condition. No change has taken place since last Synod in the list of those receiving aid, and the grants continue to be made under the same regulations as have heretofore been in force. Tweedmouth, Horncliffe, and Bavington have had classes for both Latin and Mathematics; Hott has a class for Mathematics only, and Wharton one for Latin; but it does not appear that pupils from any of these advanced classes were submitted to examination by the Presbytery and by H.M. Inspector, so that advantage has not been taken of the extra capitation grant which we offer for scholars in these branches.

III. *Sabbath Schools*.—The Committee's work in connection with Sabbath Schools has for this year been almost exclusively the conduct of an exhaustive inquiry into the condition of our Schools, and an attempt to elicit the opinions of Teachers and Ministers as to matters regarding which they feel in need of counsel and help.

Early in the year a circular was issued to Superintendents requesting suggestions as to ways in which this Committee might be of service to our Sabbath Schools. In December a special schedule was sent out, asking for full information as to the state of the schools, the methods of instruction pursued, the relation of the schools to the other machinery of the Churches, the amount and nature of any other provision for the religious training of the young in connection with each Church, and any views of the Superintendents and Teachers as to hindrances and difficulties and wants. Much valuable information has thus been obtained, and many suggestions have been received which the Committee will carefully sift and consider, with the sanguine hope that it may be found possible to afford some practical guidance or aid to those who are enlisted in this blessed labour of leading young minds into the knowledge, and young hearts into the love, of the Lord Jesus.

The Committee believe that it will be of interest to the Synod if they give a brief digest of the information contained in the returns to the schedule of inquiries.

1. There were 408 Sabbath Schools reported to the Synod in 1883 ;

and the returns (224 in number) embrace 250 schools, or considerably more than half the total number. Returns reached the Committee from fourteen out of sixteen schools within the bounds of the Presbytery of Birmingham. At the other end of the scale stands the Presbytery of Newcastle, usually so zealous in Sabbath School matters, but in which only thirty-six out of seventy-seven schools have furnished the Committee with the results of their experience.

2. Of the 250 schools making returns, sixty-three are described as 'Mission' Schools; and almost the whole of the others are set down as 'Congregational' Schools. In reality, the line of division between 'Congregational' and 'Mission' School is faint. The scholars in most cases appear to be drawn from amongst both church-going and non-church-going people. Only sixteen schools report that their children are all from families not belonging to their respective Churches, and only fifteen schools report that all the children come from families worshipping in our churches; so that the great bulk of our schools are 'mixed,' as a few schools, indeed, describe themselves to be. They have, that is, scholars from our own households, and at the same time they are to a varying extent of a Missionary character, carrying religious knowledge into families which have no other connection with any Church.

3. We cannot congratulate ourselves on the accommodation provided for our Sabbath Schools. Forty-eight schools (chiefly in country districts, especially in the North) meet in church and vestry; 101 have a schoolroom, but no smaller class-rooms; only eighty-two report class-rooms as well as schoolroom or lecture-hall, and of these a mere handful possess as many as four or five separate class-rooms. Neither teachers nor scholars can receive fair play until at least infants and senior scholars are accommodated in rooms where they can meet by themselves.

4. As to the actual work done in the schools several facts of interest appear. 156 schools use the 'International Series of Lessons,' and are satisfied with it; twenty-five use it, but are more or less dissatisfied. There is no doubt that our teachers value highly the connection with Sunday School Unions and schools of other denominations, which the use of this series enables them to maintain, as well as the abundant helps available in the shape of published 'Notes' on these lessons; and that these considerations reconcile them to the difficulty which is experienced in adapting any one series of lessons to classes of all ages. It is possible that something more might be done than is now attempted to meet this difficulty by taking the 'International Series of Lessons' as a basis, and either selecting parts out of each lesson or suggesting topics to which the attention of the younger classes should be confined. Probably, however, in most cases the teachers of *Infant* Classes select their own subjects, adhering rigidly to no scheme.

In this connection it may be noted that, wherever there is a branch of the Sunday School Union, most of our schools are affiliated to the Union, 149 being reported as thus allied to other schools, while those which do not belong to any branch of the Union are mostly situated in districts where no such branch exists. The Committee believe that the

Church would not welcome any proposals which should tend to break up this friendly combination among schools belonging to different denominations; and that this alone will be held a sufficient argument against adopting for the present any scheme of lessons of our own.

The Shorter Catechism is in more or less general use in 180 schools, a proportion probably unexpectedly large. The favourite hymn books are Bateman's (largely in use in our Northern Presbyteries), Sankey's, and 'Psalms and Hymns for Children's Worship,' or 'Church Praise.' From many quarters the call comes for a 'good' children's hymn book. About half of the schools which send returns say that they have some systematic provision for the cultivation of sacred music—chiefly by special classes.

5. As sources of attraction to the scholars, several subsidiary agencies may be noted. Few schools are without lending libraries, 211 reporting libraries containing from fifty or sixty up to 1,300 volumes. Help is specially invited from the Committee in the matter of choosing good books, and obtaining these on the most advantageous terms.

One hundred and twenty-six schools arrange a summer picnic for their children. About one hundred have some winter entertainment—a tea-meeting or a magic-lantern exhibition, or both. Attendance and conduct rewards are also given in many schools. It may be added, under this head, that in few schools is the visitation of the scholars in their own homes altogether neglected, but also in few schools is this regularly or systematically undertaken. Yet it is hardly less important for scholars and parents to know the teachers through a kindly visit than it is for congregations to have their ministers enter their homes as friends.

6. It lies very close to the means which are employed to bind the scholars to the school, that in considerably more than one-half of the schools (165) the teachers hold a prayer-meeting at regular intervals, usually monthly. Yet thirty-eight schools admit that they have no such wholesome practice, while the remainder really make the same admission by giving no answer to the question on this point.

7. Considerable pains are taken to maintain an interest in Missions amongst the children, and to secure to them due opportunities for making contributions from their own pence. In only twenty-four schools is nothing done in this way. In 108 the 'Children's Messenger' is chiefly relied upon for missionary information and the cultivation of a missionary spirit. Eighty-five schools have (besides or without the circulation of the 'Children's Messenger') missionary addresses to the scholars, generally monthly. In 145 schools the children's contributions are gathered weekly—in very many cases each class having its own box. A good many collect monthly or even less frequently. Nineteen schools never invite the children to contribute for any purpose. Besides our own missions, in a large number of schools the children are asked to help other useful schemes, such as the Continental Mission of the Sunday School Union (in thirty-four cases), local charities, the Bible Society, the support of their own schools, or other unspecified objects.

8. The next branch of inquiry related to the government of the schools and their connection with the Church. The Session visit the schools officially in 115 cases. In some cases the connection is personal, all or nearly all of the Elders being teachers. In others, the members of Session are *ex officio* members of the Sabbath School Committee. Sixty-seven schools are superintended by an Elder, 100 others report 'Office-bearers' as superintendents. In eleven instances the Ministers are themselves the superintendents (almost all of these in country districts). Only sixteen superintendents are not office-bearers of the Church. Ninety-six superintendents are appointed by the Session, 127 by the teachers. But in a good many of these latter cases, the Session are asked to sanction or confirm the nomination. Sometimes this is likewise done in the case of the appointment of teachers, who are, as a rule, elected by the existing staff, although sometimes by the Superintendent and sometimes by the Minister.

On the whole there is fairly satisfactory evidence that both Ministers and Sessions place themselves *en rapport* with their Sabbath Schools; although there is as evidently a want of some recognised plan by which, without undue interference with the management of the school, the Session might be made to feel itself responsible for the efficiency of this part of the work of the Church. In few instances, it is certain, would the teachers resent the assistance and supervision of the Session, exercised in accordance with reasonable rules.

9. The inquiries made as to (a) a standard of qualification for teachers, and (b) the helps afforded them in their preparation for their classes, are of high importance, now that the teaching in elementary schools is almost everywhere in the hands of teachers trained for their work. The answers to the first of these questions are vague, mentioning as qualifications looked for in teachers such points as character, love for the work, some evidence of their aptitude for the work, and so on. Occasionally they speak of a time of probation before election to the teaching staff. But it is quite plain that here we touch a weak spot in our Sabbath School system. Devotion and affection do not suffice to make a good teacher. Meanwhile schools are glad to get gaps supplied almost anyhow. No doubt much admirable teaching is carried on in them all; still the question must soon be faced whether it is not possible to set on foot some satisfactory method of testing fitness for a difficult duty, and appointing as teachers only those who hold some recognised certificate of competency.

As to helps in the preparation of each Sunday's lesson, considering difficulties of time and distance, commendable zeal seems to be displayed. In ninety-two schools teachers have preparatory classes offered to them. In many cases the school itself supplies 'Notes' on the lessons to teachers. In sixty-eight schools the teachers are left to forage for themselves.

10. The schools are visited in thirty-three cases by Presbyterial deputies, who institute some sort of examination; in 100 cases by Sunday School Union Deputies, who do not, however, examine. Presbyterial visitation is confined to Newcastle, Manchester, and Liverpool.

Ninety schools say that they are never visited by any one outside the Session (the Session including of course the Minister).

Many send candidates to the Sunday School Union Annual Examination. A few prepare their senior scholars for the Higher Instruction Examination. But at least in one-third of the schools reporting there is no attempt of any sort made to measure the success of the teaching, so far at least as it can be measured by an examination.

11. The Committee were anxious to know in what ways the most pressing of Sunday School problems is being dealt with in our schools—namely, what efforts are made to retain the elder scholars.

The returns do not throw much light on this grave question. One-third of our schools rely on senior classes in separate rooms (and no better plan perhaps can be devised, where a competent teacher can be found). Many seek to convert the scholars into workers, librarians, secretaries, teachers, just when otherwise they would leave the school. But on the whole the returns ask for guidance, rather than solve the problem.

12. The schedule contained a question as to what provision is made for the religious training of the young in connection with our Churches other than the Sunday School. It is an agreeable surprise to find how rapidly the new custom is spreading of giving the children a 'portion' each Sunday at one or other of the regular services. In sixty-eight cases this is done; in fourteen cases there is something for the young not seldomer than once a month, and in forty-eight cases, at least occasionally. There are thirty-seven 'Children's Churches' reported, that is, a children's service (usually from eleven to twelve) at the same time as the ordinary service. In some other cases (fourteen), the children have at least one of their own hymns each Sunday in Church. Yet sixty-three report that the children have still no share of their own in the public worship.

13. Suggestions were invited, and many are offered, of all sorts and of all degrees of value: amongst them such as these, the appointment of a Sunday School agent or visitor, the advisability of visitation by Presbyterian deputies or by deputies from the Synod, the necessity of better accommodation for classes, the purchase of a magic-lantern and sets of slides, to be lent out at a nominal charge for week-evening entertainments, the preparation of a system of lessons for the schools of our own Church, and so on.

It will be seen at a glance that valuable materials have been gathered, of which the Committee hope hereafter to make large use.

Meanwhile they beg respectfully to ask that the Synod will be pleased to instruct those Presbyteries which have not already done so to institute as soon as possible, in whatever manner may be found most practicable, a periodical and systematic visitation of the Sabbath Schools within their bounds, believing that thus encouragement and stimulus would be afforded both to teachers and scholars.

IV. *The Bible Band.*—Mr. Carruthers has been for some years carry-

ing on by means of the 'Children's Messenger' a course of Daily Bible Readings for the children of our Church. He has enrolled in a Bible Band those who applied for cards of membership (containing a list of the Bible Readings for a year), and in order to interest the young people in the scheme, he has inserted in the 'Children's Messenger' interesting notes on portions of the Bible Readings, and instituted annual examinations for the members of his band.

At Mr. Carruthers' request, and with the promise of his continued superintendence, the Committee have added this scheme to the departments assigned it by the Synod. A similar Bible Band in connection with the Sunday School Union has been vigorously supported by the Newcastle Presbytery, whose care for the religious training of the young is worthy of all praise. With the Newcastle scheme the Committee have no desire to interfere; but they will strive to make their own so attractive as to draw to its membership large numbers of the children within the bounds of other Presbyteries.

It will probably be well to erect the Bible Band into a distinct department, and appoint for it a Vice-Convener, as in the case of the other parts of the work of the Committee. For this also the Committee request the sanction of the Synod.

In conclusion : The Committee are well aware that they are but beginning a large and laborious, but a happy enterprise, when at the Church's call they endeavour to unify and develop her various efforts fully to obey her Lord's command, 'Feed my lambs.' As they advance they are ever the more deeply impressed with the difficulty and with the importance of guiding wisely the religious instruction of the children and the youths and maidens in our charge. They humbly pray for help and light to Him who showed by tender speech and touch long ago in the days of His earthly ministry how dear the children are to Him; to whom also they commit alike the young people growing up under the shadow of our Church, and the loving men and women who toil unweariably for their spiritual good.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

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[For Financial Statement see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 636.]

APPENDIX A.

HIGHER INSTRUCTION EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 1884.

MARCH 10.—1 Sam. I.—XV.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Examiner:—The Rev. W. G. ELMSLIE, M.A., Professor of Hebrew in London Presbyterian College.

A.

1. Quote the terms of Hannah's vow. What did it bind her child to be and do? How old was Samuel when he was brought to the tabernacle at Shiloh? (Value 20.)
2. Sketch the train of thought in Hannah's Song. Remark on the mention of the 'King.' (Value 30.)
3. State the chief sins of Eli's sons. To what extent was their father to blame? What was the doom that fell on Eli's house? (Value 30.)
4. Tell the story of Samuel's call to be a prophet of God. What graces of character did he display on this occasion? (Value 30.)
5. Under what circumstances was the Ark taken into battle? What were the people's probable motives for doing this, and what was the result? (Value 20.)
6. Name the resting-places of the Ark in the country of the Philistines. What was the sin of the men of Bethshemesh, and how was it punished? (Value 20.)

B.

7. Explain the terms—
 - (a) 'Baalim.' (Value 20.)
 - (b) 'Ashtaroth.' (Value 20.)
 8. Recite the narrative of Saul's public election to be king. What is meant by 'the manner of the kingdom'? (Value 20.)
 9. Describe Jonathan's discomfiture of the Philistine garrison at Michmash, with needful explanations. (Value 30.)
 10. State all you know of—
 - (a) Bethel. (Value 20.)
 - (b) Gilgal. (Value 30.)
 11. Give a full account of the origin, duties, and history of the Order of Elders. (Value 30.)
 12. Explain the cause and occasion of Saul's final rejection by God. Sketch the excellences and defects of his character. (Value 30.)
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SENIOR DIVISION.

Examiner :—The Rev. W. WRIGHT, B.A., D.D., British and Foreign Bible Society, London.

A.

1. Give the genealogies of Samuel and Saul, and mention the names of Eli's sons, pointing out their sin and doom. (Value 20.)
2. Give the signification of the words—Hannah, Peninnah, Shiloh, Belial, Samuel, Dan, Ichabod, Bethshemesh, Ebenezer, Gilgal. (Value 30.)
3. Indicate the positions and modern names of Dan, Beer-Sheba, Ashdod. (Value 15.)
4. Narrate the circumstances under which the Ark was lost and restored, pointing out the positions of the hosts of Israel and of the Philistines on the day of the Battle, giving the name of the place from which the Ark was taken, as well as the names of the places whither it was carried and to which it was restored. (Value 30.)
5. Where did Samuel reside, and where did he go on circuit to judge Israel ? (Value 15.)
6. Give a summary of the King's privileges as stated by Samuel, and the services expected from him by the people. (Value 20.)

B.

7. Describe the ceremony by which Samuel set Saul apart to the Kingly office, and the three signs confirming him to that office. (Value 20.)
8. Write a short paper on the Prophetic Order—its foundation, purpose, and use. (Value 35.)
9. Explain the passages—'The word of God was precious in those days ;' 'There was no open vision.' (Value 15.)
10. Describe the battle of Michmash, referring to Jonathan's valour, Saul's rash vow, and the people's sin. (Value 30.)
11. Give a sketch of Saul's life up to his rejection, indicating the merits and defects of his character. (Value 35.)
12. Write a short paper on the establishment of the Monarchy. (Value 35.)

MARCH 11.—Acts of the Apostles xv.-xxviii.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Examiner :—The Rev. W. MILLAR NICOLSON, M.A., D.Sc. (Edin.), Jersey.

A.

1. Who was probably the author of the Acts of the Apostles ? and note the places where the writer seems to leave and rejoin the Apostle Paul. (Value 27.)
2. Trace the course of the Apostle Paul—
 - (a) On his Second Missionary Journey.
 - (b) On his Voyage to Italy.(Value 36.)

3. What models for imitation by the Christian Church are to be found in the Acts in regard to—
 - (a) The Office-bearers there recognized ?
 - (b) Appeals in Ecclesiastical disputes ?(Value 30.)
4. Give a short sketch of the relations of Paul to—
 - (a) John Mark.
 - (b) Apollos : and specially cite his latest reference to each as illustrating his magnanimity.(Value 30.)
5. State and explain briefly Paul's relations to such secular matters as—
 - (a) The Roman Citizenship.
 - (b) The trade he had learned in youth.
 - (c) His classical studies.(Value 27.)

B.

6. Mention the altered renderings of the Revised Version in these passages—
 - (a) Too superstitious.
 - (b) Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed ?
 - (c) We took up our carriages.
 - (d) Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.
 - (e) The law is open, and there are deputies.
 - (f) We fetched a compass.(Value 36.)
7. Give brief accounts of the leading Macedonian converts. (Value 30.)
8. Write in your own words a brief sketch of Paul's speech on Mars' Hill, and note how admirably it was suited to the various parties and elements which made up the audience. (Value 36.)
9. Amid what surroundings, and at what epoch does the narrative in the Acts finally leave the Apostle Paul ? (Value 30.)
10. What bearing has this fact upon the date of its composition ? (Value 18.)

SENIOR DIVISION.

Examiner :—The Rev. J. B. MEHARRY, B.A., Newcastle.

A.

1. Describe Paul's *second* and *third* Missionary Journeys, and mention without details the incidents recorded in connection therewith. (Value 45.)
2. 'I am become all things to all men.' Justify this saying of Paul's from—
 - (a) His speeches.
 - (b) Incidents in his life.(Value 25.)
3. From the contents of the Acts show its precise character as a work. (Value 30.)
4. Write a short account of the Stoics, the Epicureans, the Sadducees, Silas, Timotheus, Gallio, Bernice, Gaius, Gamaliel, Apollos, Herod Agrippa II., Tertullus, Trophimus, Drusilla. (Value 35.)
5. Construct from the Acts an outline of Church Polity. (Value 25.)

B.

6. Compare Paul's accounts of his life and conversion. (Value 25.)
7. Discuss the date of the Acts. (Value 30.)
8. What internal evidence of authorship is there in Paul's address to the Ephesian Elders? (Value 25.)
9. Explain, and illustrate by other passages, the following :—'Tempt God;' 'I will return and will build;' 'Let go in peace;' 'Honourable women;' 'This way;' 'Prophecy;' 'Works meet for repentance;' 'God winked at;' 'I wist not that he was the high priest;' 'I am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers.' (Value 25.)
10. What, according to Paul's own testimony, were the precise terms of his Apostolic Commission? Justify his claim to be regarded as an Apostle, and to have faithfully executed his commission. (Value 35.)

MARCH 12.—History of the Reformation.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Examiner :—W. CARRUTHERS, Esq., F.R.S., Keeper of the Botanical Department, British Museum, and Editor of *The Children's Messenger*.

A.

1. What important divisions were there in the Church before the Reformation, and how did they originate? (Value 50.)
2. What are the Seven Sacraments of the Roman Church? Explain the Romish system of Indulgences. (Value 80.)
3. State briefly what you know of the Waldenses, John Huss, John Wickliffe, Patrick Hamilton, Thomas Cartwright, and Ignatius Loyola. (Value 90.)
4. Give an account of Luther's career from his going to Wittenburg till his excommunication by the Pope. (Value 80.)
5. Who were the members of the Diet of Worms, and what did it do? (Value 60.)
6. Give the history of the Reformation in either—
 - (a) France.
 - (b) Spain.
 - (c) The Netherlands, or
 - (d) Sweden and Denmark. (Value 80.)
7. Give a brief account of John Knox. (Value 80.)

B.

8. Who were the Anabaptists? what opinions did they hold? (Value 80.)
9. What were the fundamental principles of the Lutheran and of the Swiss Reformations? State the doctrine held by the Lutherans, the Reformed Church, and Rome respectively, about the Lord's Supper. (Value 100.)

10. State the points of resemblance in the Church of England to the Reformed Church, the Lutheran Church, and the Roman Church, and account for their existence by reference to history. (Value 120.)
11. Name the authors and objects of the following works:—‘The Babylonish Captivity of the Church;’ ‘On the Seven Sacraments;’ ‘The Institutes of the Christian Religion;’ and ‘The Imitation of Christ.’ (Value 80.)
12. Compare the present position of Romanism and Protestantism with their position in 1580. (Value 100.)

SENIOR DIVISION.

Examiner:—A. MACALISTER, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., Professor of Anatomy,
Cambridge University.

A.

1. What were the circumstances which led to the holding of the *Conference of Marburg*; who took part in it; what were the subjects discussed; how far did the conferring parties agree; and what were the consequences of their disagreement? (Value 200.)
2. Who was *Carlstadt*? In what important events did he take part, what was his character, and what influence did he exercise on the progress of the Reformation. (Value 100.)
3. Give the particulars of the events which led to the formation of the *League of Schmalkald*. What important historical occurrences succeeded it? Give any other particulars you may know concerning the town of *Schmalkalden*, and mention any documents connected with its name. (Value 150.)

B.

4. What were the essential principles of the System of Church Government and Polity specially emphasized by Calvin, and introduced by him into the Church of Geneva? Show how these were correlated to the special conditions of the Geneva Church. (Value 200.)
5. Tell all you know of the dates, compilers, and general characters of the following works:—
 - (a) The *Belgic Confession*.
 - (b) The *Agreement of Sendomir*.
 - (c) The *Heidelberg Catechism*.
 - (d) The *Second Book of Discipline*.
 - (e) The *First Book of Homilies*. (Value 150.)
6. What are the principal changes which have taken place in the Church of Rome since the Reformation? How far do you consider these to have been produced by Reformation influence, and what other factors have been instrumental in inducing change? (Value 200.)

APPENDIX B.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

For the first time since the appointment by the Synod of a Committee in charge of the 'Higher Instruction of Youth,' all the Presbyteries of the Church have this year sent candidates to the examinations.

The following table exhibits the numbers of those competing at the annual examinations on March 10, 11, and 12 of this year.

Presbyteries	Congregations	1 Samuel		Acts		The Reformation		Total
		Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	
Darlington	9	4	3	7	4	9	13	40
Northumberland. . .	4	10	7	3	1	3	1	25
Bristol	1	12	—	—	—	—	—	12
Manchester	9	12	13	30	8	9	7	79
Berwick	4	1	2	8	2	2	6	21
Carlisle	2	—	—	9	—	7	1	17
London	22	51	46	40	35	26	25	223
Newcastle	8	14	4	5	5	14	13	55
Birmingham	7	11	4	8	3	1	—	27
Liverpool	15	30	16	19	24	27	11	127

Total Congregations, 81; Junior Competitors, 372; Senior Competitors, 254; Total, 626.

As compared with last year the numbers stand :—

		1883	1884
Congregations	... ..	82	81
Competitors, Junior	... ..	393	372
" Senior	... ..	310	253
Diets of Examination	... ..	102	108
Centres of Examination	... ..	77	74

Competitors come from the *same* number of Congregations in the Presbyteries of Northumberland and Newcastle; from *fewer* Congregations in Carlisle, London, and Birmingham; and from *more* Congregations in Darlington, Bristol, Berwick, Manchester, and Liverpool.

The following Congregations have each sent five competitors and upwards :—

Presbytery of Berwick . .	Wallace Green and Church Street.
" Northumberland . .	Otterburn and Morpeth.
" Bristol	Cardiff.
" Darlington	Crook and Springbank, Hull.
" London	Southampton, Aldershot, Gravesend, Greenwich, Reading, Ipswich, Norwich, Jersey, Portsmouth, New Barnet, Brockley, Highbury, Crouch Hill, Hampstead, St. John's Wood, Regent Square, Canonbury, Tottenham.
" Birmingham	Wolverhampton.

Presbytery of Manchester	.	Sale, Salford, Trinity, Withington, Wigan, Crewe.
„ Liverpool	.	Claughton, St. Andrew's, Grange Road, Rockferry, Canning Street, Fairfield, Mount Pleasant, Waterloo, Barrow-in-Furness.
„ Newcastle	.	Wellington Quay, Westmoreland Road, Howard Street.
„ Carlisle	.	Whitehaven, Market Place.

The attempt has again been made to secure a return of the numbers who have studied the subjects prescribed by the Committee, irrespective of those who have entered for examination. No information has, however, been given except by those who have sent competitors.

Of these seventy-one have furnished the number of students known to have studied one or more subjects. They are divided thus:—

Manchester	.	9	Returns with	211	Students.
Liverpool	.	15	„	525	„
Birmingham	.	3	„	30	„
Newcastle	.	7	„	136	„
Northumberland	.	4	„	90	„
Berwick.	.	1	„	65	„
London	.	21	„	1956	„
Darlington	.	8	„	77	„
Carlisle	.	2	„	66	„
Bristol	.	1	„	60	„

71 Returns with 2136 Students.

The average attendance at those classes which have made returns is thirty-two. A very large proportion of the 2,136 belong to ministers' classes, while the entire number in Bible classes within the 279 Congregations of the Church is 6,411.

The results of the examinations are not so entirely satisfactory as in previous years, the tentative experiment of prescribing a portion of Scripture without a text-book showing the least favourable results. The Reports of the Examiners-in-chief who set the papers and re-examined all marked 'with distinction' and upwards, will be read with deep interest throughout the Church, and will afford some suggestions to competitors. The work of the Sub-examiners has been most laborious, and the revision of their markings has manifested the most careful, judicious, and thorough examination and valuation on their part. Those who superintended the local candidates carried through the examinations with uniform care and accuracy, conducing not a little to reliable results.

The Essay Competitions have again brought out considerable talent. The number of Essays forwarded to the Committee is not so great as may be expected in future years, but the character of the work done and the wide reading evidently engaged in when preparing the subjects, prove that the Synod has been well advised by the Committee in prescribing Essay subjects for both junior and senior students. The following Reports by the Conveners in each division furnish much encouragement alike to the Essayists and to the Committee.

A copy of this Report will be sent to all successful competitors. Any corrections requiring to be made should be forwarded at once. The awards will be sent out as soon as possible after the meeting of Synod, and any whose names are printed in these lists who do not receive their diplomas or certificates within a month should make application to the Vice-Convener—the Rev. S. R. Macphail, 77 Canning Street, Liverpool. Ministers who wish to distribute the honours gained by their pupils, will please forward a copy of this Report marked at the names of those whose awards they desire to have sent to them.

REPORTS OF EXAMINERS-IN-CHIEF.

The Rev. Dr. Wright has sent the following Report of the Senior Examination on 1 Samuel :—

‘ I was much pleased in reading the examination papers to find that all had thoroughly prepared the portion of the Bible set them for examination, and that most had not confined themselves merely to the text-book. Some of the answers given are much superior both in form and substance to the information given in the text-book. In many of the papers the power of expression is very much below the power of thinking, and I sincerely regretted to have to discount brilliant thinking on account of faulty composing. I trust those who have not attained the highest marks will not be discouraged, for some of them have shown that they possess intellectual force which should make itself felt in the Church.

‘ On the whole all the papers submitted to me were of high excellence, and very creditable to the competitors.’

Professor Elmslie has sent the following Report of the Junior Examination on 1 Samuel :—

‘ April 25, 1884.

‘ DEAR MR. MACPHAIL,—A perusal of the answers submitted to me proves that the paper set was too long and a little too difficult. The fault is one that is trying even to the best students, while to the weaker candidates it is damaging in the extreme. Any unusual reduction in the number of *passes* must not therefore be ascribed altogether to defective preparation, nor ought it to discourage candidates from a fresh attempt next year, when they may count on a shorter and easier paper. As it is, I am much pleased by the proof furnished by the papers before me of the industry and success with which a large proportion of the students have studied the portion of Scripture prescribed, while I have marked with deep interest in several of the best papers evidence of exceptional intellectual activity and literary skill. In this respect I think the work of No. 67 worthy of special notice.

‘ Yours faithfully,

‘ W. G. ELMSLIE.’

The Rev. Mr. Meharry reviews the work of the Senior Division of Candidates on the Acts of the Apostles in the following terms :—

‘ The answers which have been sent to me for re-examination indicate

diligent study and creditable proficiency on the part of the candidates. Many of the papers show extensive reading and considerable skill in answering pointedly the questions. The most patent defect is a lack of conciseness at an early stage of the examination, which has evidently, through the consumption of time, prevented many from doing justice to themselves later on, and thus there has been an inequality in the answering in the first and second parts. But upon the whole the Church is to be congratulated upon the satisfactory results of the examination, and the successful competitors on the honours and distinctions which with great merit they have won.

‘JOHN B. MEHARRY.’

The Examiners-in-Chief have sent the following Reports on the work done by Candidates entering on the History of the Reformation.

Professor Macalister reports on the Senior Reformation papers sent to him :—

‘The answering of most showed careful preparation ; if anything, there was a little too slavish copying of the words of the text-book, but on the whole they showed thought and an appreciative understanding of the subject. One very good feature in nearly all the papers is the small amount of irrelevant matter introduced, most of the answers being short, sharp, and to the point.’

On the work of the Junior students Mr. Carruthers remarks :—

‘The papers show a great latitude of ability and probably of age in the candidates. The answers show a thorough study of the text-book, and the relatively small number of candidates who have got places in the lists is due rather to the care with which the answers have been estimated than to the want of study on the part of the candidates.

‘WM. CARRUTHERS.’

REPORTS ON ESSAYS.

‘In reporting for myself and those associated with me, namely, the Rev. John Watson, M.A., Liverpool, and the Rev. R. Cowan, M.A., Nottingham, on the Essays of the Senior Division, on “The Types of the Levitical Ritual,” I beg to state that, as a whole, they display a very considerable knowledge of Scripture, as well as careful study of the particular subject assigned by the Synod’s Committee; while many show marked devoutness of feeling, accompanied in some instances by no small amount of literary taste and skill.

‘Of the eighteen Essays only three fell short of the standard meriting a certificate; or, rather, only two did so, as one (good in itself) has been rejected in consequence of its having been to a large extent copied from a book. This it seems necessary to mention (although it gives pain to the adjudicators to do so) in order to prevent, if possible, the repetition of such an unworthy act.¹

‘Nevertheless there is much in the Essays as a whole to encourage the Synod’s Committee in their important work, and to lead the Church to take an increasing interest in it.

¹ The writer of the Essay referred to has been communicated with on the subject.—S. R. M.

‘The work of the adjudicators has been interesting and pleasant, and they have given much attention to it. But they have felt that the time allowed has been rather short. The Essays make up a very large quantity of manuscript, one of them extending to upwards of ninety large pages, while others range about twenty, fifty, and sixty pages. It will be easily seen that the careful reading and critical examination of so much matter must require a very considerable amount of time, and in view of the pressure of other and stated duties, at an exceptionally busy period of the year, it is desirable that an extension of time should, if possible, be accorded in future, or a maximum limit to the length of the Essays assigned.

‘A. L. SIMPSON,
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On the Junior Essays the following is the Report sent to the Committee :—

‘2 Harcourt Buildings, Temple, E.C. : April 28, 1884.

‘I have to report that the Rev. A. M. Symington, D.D., and myself have classed the Essays submitted to us according to the annexed list. I am requested by Dr. Symington to state that he has admired the research and ability displayed in the greater number of the Essays ; I am glad to join in his expression of praise.

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JUNIOR SUBJECT.

‘JOHN WYCLIFFE.’

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XIII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

YOUR Committee are glad to report, that the recommendation of last Synod, as to the appointment by the Presbyteries of Standing Committees on Temperance, has been very generally complied with. The Presbytery of Bristol, considering it unadvisable to appoint a Committee because of the scattered position of its Congregations, has named one of its members to act as correspondent with your Committee. The Presbytery of Carlisle is the only other exception, and your Committee hope this blank may soon be filled up, so that the work of encouraging and stimulating Temperance effort throughout the Church may be carried on under the direction of the Presbyteries.

From most of the existing Committees reports more or less full have been received during the year, those from London, Manchester, and Newcastle being specially interesting. It appears from these reports that the cause of Temperance reform is receiving an amount of attention from the Congregations that promises well for the future, encouraging the hope that before long our Church may take a part in this sadly-needed movement worthy of the missionary spirit by which she has been distinguished.

REPORTS FROM PRESBYTERIAL COMMITTEES.

Berwick.—This Committee was appointed in December last. The convener reports that the work in the Congregations of the Presbytery is progressing. Wallace Green, Berwick, has a Temperance Society which added 37 members last year, and numbers in all 120. Monthly social meetings are successfully carried on, and its Band of Hope keeps well up. Bankhill and Church Street are also actively engaged in Temperance work, and interesting movements are reported from Chatton, Beaumont Union, and Spittal.

Last year the Presbytery unanimously agreed to petition Parliament in favour of the Bill for Sunday Closing in Northumberland, &c.

Birmingham.—There is a children's Temperance organisation in every congregation, and adult societies in several. The Presbyterial Committee have done fair work and hopeful signs are appearing.

Carlisle.—Although no report has been received your Committee are assured by the representatives from Carlisle that good work is being done in that Presbytery. These brethren also mentioned the interesting fact that all the ministers in the Presbytery are total abstainers.

Liverpool.—This Committee also is of recent appointment. It recommends petitioning in favour of Sunday Closing. There are temperance organisations or 'Bands of Hope' in almost all Congregations or Missions connected with this Presbytery. As to results, they report hopeful, successful, encouraging; and Egremont says, of a mission, 'about a dozen drunkards reclaimed, several attending church.' Canning Street.—'A year ago remarkable results on individuals, hopeful cases spoken of, and families rescued.' Fairfield.—'Prevention probable in many cases. Cure in some.' Islington.—'Most favourable results.'

London.—The work of this Committee, which is of several years' standing, seems to be done very earnestly and thoroughly. Out of 75 Congregations, 41 are carrying on Temperance work of some kind, 22 having Adult Societies and 37 Bands of Hope. A Gospel Temperance Mission has been conducted at Kentish Town under the auspices of the Committee; and they have a list of speakers who do deputation work in the Congregations.

Manchester.—Although this Committee was only appointed last year, it has been active in collecting information as to work already in progress, and in preparing for future effort.

Its report states that there are very few Congregations within the bounds where no Temperance organisation exists, and records both the institution of new societies and the revival of some which had lapsed. The Societies of St. George's, Blackburn, and Preston received special mention, the one having 513 the other 425 members. At Sheffield there is a vigorous and successful Band of Hope for old and young, with fortnightly meetings. A Gospel Temperance Mission in the town has recently been held for a month, and has secured 10,000 new pledges.

The Committee are prepared to provide a deputy when desired by any minister or Temperance organisation within the Presbytery.

The Presbytery at its December meeting agreed to a request of the Committee to exhort every minister to preach a Temperance sermon before the end of the year, and to hold a Temperance Conference at the January meeting.

Newcastle.—The report from this Committee though brief is very satisfactory, stating that in 'all the Congregations some thorough Temperance work is being done, especially by Bands of Hope, some of which are very flourishing; and by Congregational Temperance Societies.' The Convener states that as great determination exists as ever to secure Sunday Closing Bills for Northumberland and Durham.

Northumberland.—The Committee appointed last year has not found it possible to accomplish much in the way of practical work as yet.

The Presbytery passed a resolution instructing the ministers within the bounds to preach Temperance sermons on some Sunday in February, and to report.

While expressing their thankfulness for the evidences of activity furnished by these reports, your Committee feel that the work must be regarded as only beginning. The evil of drunkenness is still terribly prevalent, and proves itself marvellously difficult to uproot. There have been brought under the consideration of your Committee phases of the evil most deplorable, even startling in character, such as the increase of intemperance amongst women, and the fall of prominent Christian workers through this sin—facts which serve to show, that the subject still urgently calls for the anxious and prayerful attention of the whole Church.

JAMES TOWERS,
Convener.

XIV

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROVISION FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

It affords the Committee much pleasure to be able to state that all the Acting Chaplains of the Church have, as requested, reported upon their labours during the past year.

Owing to the great demand made on our military strength at present by Ireland, North and South Africa, and other places, the Home Stations, with few exceptions, have been so much reduced that the labours of the Acting Chaplains have been exceptionally light. The reports testify to the fact that the attentions of the Chaplains are very cordially received by the men of the different branches of the service.

The voluntary attendance at Divine service on Sunday evenings seems to be increasing at most stations. This is a pleasing feature, and shows that the Word and service of God are relished. Your Committee have to express the sense of the loss they have sustained in the death of the Rev. Charles Moir, Acting Chaplain at Chatham. Mr. Moir's labours lay mostly among the Marines, and by them, as well as by his civilian congregation and the townspeople, he was esteemed a man greatly beloved.

Correspondence having passed between the Secretary of State for War and the Moderator of the Church as to the difficulty experienced by the War Office in appointing officiating clergymen to the Presbyterian troops, owing to such differences of style as 'Congregational Presbyterians,' 'Independent Presbyterians,' and 'Presbyterians,' a circular was sent to all the Acting Chaplains and also to several influential ministers, asking assistance in the framing of such a definition of a recognised minister of the Presbyterian Church as would help the authorities in any future emergency. It has been finally decided that the Secretary of State for War shall refer to the Moderator of Synod *pro tempore* in the case of all ministers claiming to represent the Presbyterian Church, so as to have a guarantee that the claimant is a duly recognised minister of the Church.

Your Committee are glad to report that, after considerable correspondence, the Presbyterian troops quartered at Canterbury have been placed under the spiritual supervision of the minister of the Presbyterian Church.

In two instances only were the Chaplains able to minister to the spiritual wants of the Militia during the past year. The Convener of your Committee, assisted by the Rev. David Eades, Maryport, ministered to the Cumberland and Westmoreland battalions when in camp on Brackenber Moor, in the month of July, and the Rev. W. A. McAllan, Norwich, reports that he and one or two gentlemen held meetings with the Militia every evening, having an average attendance of between ninety and one hundred.

A few extracts from the reports of the Chaplains are subjoined :—

The Rev. W. Harvey Jellie, Canterbury, reports :—‘ It was only at the close of last September that my appointment to the Chaplaincy was secured. The removal of the soldiers to my Church has created considerable friction here, and occasioned me much anxiety—indeed, some real difficulty.

‘ The unfortunate location of my Church at the extreme opposite out-skirt from the barracks, entailing the marching of the men through the city to an uninteresting distance from the centre, has proved a hindrance to our securing a full attendance of the men. Hence, though the average number this quarter in garrison has been one hundred and sixteen, and the average number paraded for attending worship has been fifty-two, less than thirty have appeared each Sunday at Church.

‘ The soldiers, however, have shown the readiest good-feeling towards their new Chaplain, rendering contact with them a pleasure ; and a fair number of the men voluntarily attend my ministry on Sunday evenings.

In the married quarters too, among the non-commissioned officers’ wives, my work and visits have been very enjoyable ; but the women declare, and lament, the impossibility of walking the dreary distance from barracks to Church. Hence we fail, and must fail, to secure these women, though they wish to attend the Presbyterian Church ; and their absence in turn also affects the regular attendance of their husbands. There is no disguising the case, that in this location of my Church I face a serious obstacle to successful work.

‘ It is right to add that the garrison officers have shown me unstinted consideration and courtesy, readily helping me in every effort I make for the men.

‘ It has been most delightful to me in the hospital wards to find groups of the invalids surrounding me, drawn as “ by guile ” into earnest religious conversation, in which they canvass between themselves their temptations and dangers, and the Saviour’s claims to their faith and allegiance.

‘ At a Congregational Social Meeting last November about seventy soldiers were present in response to special invitation ; and this enjoyable evening did much to clear prejudices from our path, and to win the men to a kindly interest.

‘ It should be added that a grant of 100 Bibles was secured mainly

through the influence of Mr. Jas. Goodman, from the British and Foreign Bible Society for the soldiers' use at Divine worship.'

The Rev. H. Millican, Guernsey, reports :—' During the year 1883 we have had an average of twenty Presbyterian troops in garrison here, eighteen of whom belong to the R.A. They are a really fine set of men as to morality. All who know anything of the perils of garrison life in these islands will readily understand the moral status of the men, when they consider that none of our own men have, during twelve months, either come under discipline for neglect of duty or been in hospital through ill-health. Their attendance at Church on Sabbath evenings is most satisfactory and encouraging, and their behaviour is always that of intelligent and serious-minded men. Their attendance "on parade" in the morning will be about ten or twelve, and, voluntarily, in the evening six or seven. I have good reason to hope that the Word of God is not lost upon them.

'On a recent Sabbath I said to a sergeant, "Well, sergeant, how are all your men?" He replied, "Thank you, sir, they are all right; we Presbyterians never ail anything." I liked that reply, because it seemed to indicate a consciousness of moral strength promoted by early home influences, and cherished since by faithful pastoral oversight on the part of our ministers who are stationed in the garrison towns where the men have been quartered.'

The Rev. Joseph Wood, Plymouth, reports :—' I have to report that the number of Presbyterian soldiers and sailors present at this Station during 1883 was, on the average, taken quarterly, 573 men.

'The excess above what is our usual strength is owing to the presence of the 74th regiment Highland Light Infantry. This regiment, which bore a conspicuous and honourable part in the Battle of Tel-el-Kebir, on its return from Egypt was stationed here in February of last year.

'Owing to our Church being still in a dismantled state, after the late fire, we are worshipping in hired halls. The presence of this Scotch regiment having materially augmented our Congregation, we were obliged to vacate a hall we previously occupied, and migrate to the largest public building in Plymouth, the Guildhall. The band of the regiment accompanies the choir on the Sabbath morning; and on my personal representation to the colonel that the presence of the band in the evening would be an attraction, and with the full consent of the men themselves, the band now give their services at both diets of worship; and partly in consequence of this, we have an evening congregation of 2,000.

The hospitals continue to be visited, and the services at the Soldiers' Home conducted; and chief amongst those who take an interest in the spiritual welfare of our soldiers is Col. Anderson, R.A.

'After the return of the 74th regiment from Egypt there was a large amount of drunkenness amongst the men; but a change for the better is now witnessed. We cannot give many statistics of positive spiritual good effected. I may just mention that a week ago the lady that superintends the Soldiers' Home wrote me that a man of the 74th regiment had found peace, about a month since, at the Guildhall.'

The Rev. Dr. Raitt, Woolwich, reports :—‘ The garrison at Woolwich is still very much reduced in numbers, owing to the continued occupation of Egypt, and what is practically a military occupation of Ireland. The number of Presbyterian soldiers is therefore much less than in ordinary times. The average has not amounted to much above 300. In the Herbert Hospital, however, I come in contact with a large number of cases, many of whom, being invalided, after a time do not return into the ranks of the army. Some of the other hospitals having been full, soldiers not belonging to this garrison have frequently been sent here in illness, not a few of whom have been Presbyterians, chiefly of the Scots Guards. In this way I am brought into contact, at a time when men are specially impressible, with numbers who are sent over the length and breadth of the land, and, indeed, of the world; and one cannot but be sensible both of the importance and of the overwhelming responsibility of such work as this. I am pleased to say that few deaths occurred amongst my men, and to add that I had good hope in the death of all who were taken away. The Sabbath afternoon service in the Hospital Church has been better attended during the past year than before, chiefly owing to the fact that many soldiers belonging to other denominations are now in the habit of attending our service regularly. Some of the nurses and of the Hospital Corps also attend when their duties permit. My classes at the Barrack Schools have more than maintained their former interest and numbers. In addition to a class of soldiers’ sons of about thirty, I have eleven buglers, whom a devoted Christian officer declares to be among the most promising and well-conducted in the garrison. My class of soldiers’ daughters numbers twenty-five. I have no more attentive hearers in church than the soldiers, and none who value so highly anything done for their physical or spiritual good, so that the labour—arduous and arduous as it is—brings its own reward. I trust that in our various congregations our soldiers, as well as our sailors, will ever be remembered in prayer.’

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

JAMES CHRISTIE,

Convener.

Recommendation of the Committee:—*That the Committee be re-appointed and recommended to continue their labours for the moral and spiritual well-being of Presbyterian Soldiers and Sailors.*

XV.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

YOUR Committee have to report that the Journals of the Church have been issued regularly during the year.

The circulation of the 'Messenger' and 'Children's Messenger' remains much the same as during the previous year. The gross profit on the larger journal amounted to £137 0s. 7½*d.*, and on the children's monthly to £120 10s. 0½*d.*, the first being £10 more than last year, and the other £27 less. This apparent falling off, however, is due to the reduced estimate of the earlier volumes of the 'Children's Messenger' in stock.

The trading account has this year yielded a gross profit of £436 6s. 8½*d.* The greater amount of work in this department has been due to the issue of the new Hymn Book, and the continued publication of 'The Outlook'; and there has been of necessity a corresponding increase in expenditure for salaries and other executive charges.

These sources of revenue have enabled the Committee, after writing off a bad debt, amounting to £20 6s. 6*d.*, incurred in supplying the Church's Journals to a tradesman officially connected with one of our congregations, to show a credit balance of £104 8s. 7½*d.* In 1882, for the first time since its appointment, the Committee was able to report a small balance in its favour, amounting to £14 13s. 9*d.* It is a satisfactory evidence of the value of the services rendered to the Church, and of their appreciation by the members and office bearers, that so large a net profit is shown at the close of last year. The two balances make a total net profit up to the end of 1883 amounting to £118 12s. 4¼*d.* It is recommended that of this profit £114 19s. 6*d.* be placed to the credit of the Capital Fund, which, by this sum, would be raised to a total of £350. The contributions to this fund reported by the Treasurer to last Synod amounted to £179 17s. 6*d.* In the early part of this year a further amount was contributed of £55 3s. 6*d.*, making a total of £235 0s. 6*d.* The Committee desire to express their grateful sense of the important service rendered by the friends who have so liberally contributed to this Capital Fund, and thus enabled them to carry on their work with greater efficiency and economy. The Committee have great satisfaction in reporting to the Synod that in the event of their recommendation being adopted there is every prospect of the revenue derived from their work producing within the next two or three

years a sum sufficient to meet the requirements for which the Capital Fund was asked : and they would therefore make no further appeal to the Church or her liberal members for this object.

The Committee have to report that their editions of the Catechisms have sold more largely than in the previous year. Reprints of both editions were required at the beginning of the year, and again a new issue is going through the press. A profit has arisen from the Catechisms amounting to £9 16s. 10d. for the year. The Committee believe that a considerable increase of circulation may yet be secured to these 'Westminster Editions,' if they were used in all our schools. The price at which they are supplied, the care which was taken to secure a correct text, and the useful notes by the editor, should secure their universal use in the Church.

Five hundred copies of the 'Book of Order' have been sold during the year. A new edition, embodying final revisions, and some slight verbal alterations, was issued in the spring.

The Committee issued a copy of the Confession of Faith of the Westminster Divines, carefully edited and annotated by Mr. Carruthers. The text was taken from an early authoritative copy, and the changes made in the original document by the Houses of Parliament were, for the first time, indicated in a complete edition of the Confession. Mr. Carruthers became responsible for the cost, and though the sale has been considerable, it has not yet been sufficient to meet the outlay.

A little treatise on the relation of Christianity to commerce by Dr. Gibson entitled, 'The Soul of Business,' was issued early in the year, the pecuniary responsibility having been undertaken by a member of Committee. A large number has been sold, and a special edition of a thousand was ordered for Canada.

An address to young communicants, by the Rev. J. Reid Howatt, entitled 'The Church Member,' was issued on the author's responsibility in February, and several thousands have been sold.

The map of London, published on behalf of the Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of London, has not yet obtained a sale sufficient to cover the cost of production. It exhibits the position of all the Presbyterian Churches in London and its suburbs, and should be very useful to the members of the Church. It is issued in three different forms.

The 'Narrative of the Church's Mission in China,' by Mr. Donald Matheson, had a large sale in the early part of the year, but the demand has been much less during the later months. This is the only book which gives a continuous narrative of the important mission which the Master has given the Church to do in China, and should be in the hands of all who are really interested in this great work. Congregations or Associations may obtain a number of copies at a reduced rate.

A new edition of the 'Outlines of the Presbyterian Church of England,' prepared for the Committee by Dr. Fraser, has been issued, uniform with the Westminster editions of the Catechism and Confession. This has been attended with remarkable success, due chiefly to the arrangements that were made for localising the cover when a sufficient

number were ordered. Many congregations have availed themselves of this opportunity for giving at once publicity to their own services and work, and information on the distinctive principles of the Church.

The supply of 'Church Praise' has occupied much of the time of the staff. About 18,500 copies altogether have been sold during the year, at an average value of 2s. per copy. The greatest demand has been for the editions containing the selection from the metrical Psalms, the Hymns, and the Bible Psalter.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. MONRO GIBSON,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 639.]

XVI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PRAISE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

THE Committee have much pleasure in reporting to the Synod that, since the publication of the new Hymn Book, *Church Praise*, it has been steadily winning its way among the congregations of the Church. A good many congregations have already adopted it; arrangements are being made for its introduction into many more; and wherever it has been introduced, it has given much satisfaction.

In the course of the past year the Committee have employed measures to promote the interests of the new Hymn Book throughout the Church. The most important of these was a circular, drawn up by the Convener in their name, addressed to all the Ministers and Session Clerks, recommending them to take what steps they deemed prudent for the purpose of introducing it as soon as possible. A list of forms and prices was at the same time enclosed. The result, they have reason to believe, was satisfactory.

As regards the improvement of the service of praise in the House of God, which is the principal object for which this Committee exists, they have adopted measures which they earnestly hope will tend to secure that end. Their policy may be said to consist of three parts, viz., a Service of Praise Committee in every Presbytery; a Choral Association, for the study and practice chiefly of sacred music, in every town or district in which our congregations are to be found; and a class, or classes, for instruction in the art of music, if possible, in every congregation and Sunday School. They believe that, until this scheme be carried out in its entirety, this very important part of the public worship of God will not attain the degree of efficiency that ought to characterise it; and they therefore earnestly trust that the Ministers and Office-bearers of the Church will loyally support them in their endeavours to secure success. The Secretary to the Committee (Rev. J. W. Rodger) has communicated with Clerks of Presbyteries in connection with this matter, although as yet, so far as can be ascertained, little has been done in complying with the Committee's request. A Service of Praise Committee has been formed in two Presbyteries—Manchester and Darlington. A Choral Association, numbering some 250 voices, has also been set on foot in the city of Manchester, which has already rendered important service to the

congregations there, and promises to prove a great blessing. Singing classes have likewise been commenced in various places, and old ones revived.

In conclusion, the Committee congratulate the Synod, and through the Synod the Church, on the marked improvement which has already taken place in the service of praise since the introduction of the new Hymn Book, and they confidently hope that this will not only continue, but increase as time goes on.

In name of the Committee,

W. RIGBY MURRAY,

Convener.

XVII.

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

THE Judicial Committee have the pleasure of reporting that, as there has been no case of Libel in any of the Courts of the Church during the past year, no occasion has arisen for their tendering any counsel.

W. McCRAW,

Convener.

XVIII.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AND
HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

IN compliance with the instruction of your venerable Court, your Committee have carefully revised the Book of Order, and made the necessary emendations for a new edition, which the Publications Committee have issued. Your Committee trust that steps may be taken in every Congregation for securing a wide diffusion of the work among, not only Elders, Deacons, and Managers, but all intelligent members of the Church, as the best mode of exhibiting the order and symmetry of the Presbyterian Church.

Your Committee have been desired to consider the constitution and powers of Commissions of Synod and Presbyteries. In Presbyterian Churches a Commission of Assembly is a well-recognised institution, and is found advantageous in many ways. In the Church of Scotland such a Commission meets regularly three times in the year, but the Moderator has power to call a special meeting of Commission in any emergency. The principal functions of the Commission are to advert to the interests of the Church on every occasion, so that the Church may not suffer or sustain any prejudice which can be prevented. The Commission is further empowered and appointed to take care that what was enacted and ordered by the Assembly be duly observed by all concerned. It is instructed to give advice and assistance to any Synod or Presbytery in difficult cases when applied to for that purpose. But it is prohibited from meddling in any matter not committed or referred to it, and from enforcing any of its sentences which the inferior judicatories refuse to carry into execution. Generally causes are conducted in the Commission in the same manner as before the Assembly; parties, or their counsel, are heard and removed; motions are made, discussed, and divided upon, and the parties recalled to hear judgment. In the Church of Scotland, all members of Assembly are also members of the Commission, with the addition, however, of one person, not a member, who is generally a past Moderator, named by the Moderator. To constitute a Commission there must be a quorum of thirty-one members, twenty-one of whom must be ministers.

In the Free Church of Scotland a Commission of Assembly is

appointed every year, and its powers are well defined. In the particular causes and matters referred to it its sentences are final; yet it cannot execute its own sentences, and if disobeyed the matter must lie over till the meeting of the next Assembly. Also if the Commission should appear to have exceeded its powers the next Assembly may censure those who have concurred in the sentences involved. And if the Commission should have acted in any way contrary to the Acts or Constitution of the Church the next Assembly may overthrow or reverse its procedure. The Commission cannot take up any cause or matter which has not been specially referred to it by the General Assembly, except when anything of public interest occurs which is of general concernment to the whole Church. In this case it is instructed to advert to the matter, and to see that the Church do not suffer or sustain any prejudice which it can prevent. A valid quorum consists of thirty-one members, but of these sixteen must be ministers. Both in the Church of Scotland and in the Free Church the Commission is in active operation, and at times it is found eminently useful.

The United Presbyterian rules and forms of procedure do not appear to provide for a Commission of Synod.

The late Presbyterian Church in England, by a standing law passed in 1848, established a Commission composed of forty-four members—twenty-two of whom were to be Ministers and twenty-two Elders, elected by each Presbytery, in certain proportions, and its powers were defined to see to the observance of what was enacted by the Synod; to give advice and assistance to any Presbytery in difficult cases when applied to by them; to determine any matter referred to it by an act or order of Synod; and to see that the interests of the Church shall not suffer in any manner which it could prevent. During the whole time, however, from 1848 till the Union in 1876, no meeting of the Commission appears to have been held.

Such being the constitution and powers of a Commission of Assembly or of Synod, your Committee have considered whether it would not be beneficial or expedient to introduce the same in the Presbyterian Church of England. Your Committee are conscious of some defect in the present constitution of the Church, which a Commission of Synod might in a manner remedy. The Synod, terminating its existence with the close of its proceedings, no authority is left to represent the Church collectively, except in so far as matters are remitted to Presbyteries, Sessions, Standing, or Special Committees. In case of any emergency, there is no body having authority to act for or to represent the Synod. The Moderator of Synod has no recognised position during the interval between one Synod and another. And what is still more important, within the few days during which the Synod meets yearly, many subjects of great importance fail to receive the consideration they deserve.

On the other hand, your Committee are aware that the quarterly meetings of all the Committees of the Church are practically doing the work of a Commission of Synod, and that the Judicial Committee is entrusted with advising Presbyteries and Sessions when applied to in difficult cases. For these and other reasons, and taking into account the undesirableness of increasing the expenditure of the Synod Fund, and the loss of time

incident to more meetings of Ministers and Elders from distant places, and remembering also that no call for such Commission appears to exist, your Committee have come to the conclusion that it is not necessary at present to promote legislation for the constitution and working of a Commission of Synod, and they recommend that in the meantime no further action be taken in that direction.

Upon the subject of a Commission of Presbytery, your Committee have not been able to complete the necessary inquiry. As an original Court the Presbytery has doubtless the power to delegate any of its functions to a number of its members; nevertheless, when acting in a judicial capacity, such power would have to be used with great caution, and it might be a question whether the judicial decisions of any Commission of Presbytery would be taken by a higher court as the decision of the Presbytery itself.

Your Committee are frequently receiving communications from office-bearers of congregations respecting the mode of appointing new trustees when old trustees have died or joined other churches. The Book of Order contains copy of the Act providing for such contingencies, and to that Act reference in all cases should be made. Your Committee recommend the utmost vigilance of Sessions over their Trust Deeds, and hope that Presbyteries will take care to preserve a record of all Trust Deeds of the Congregations within their bounds. Your Committee earnestly recommend the preservation of Trust Deeds in safes, under the guardianship of Presbyteries, and would suggest the expediency of preserving Trust Deeds of Church property belonging to the Synod in a safe as is now held by the Presbytery of London.

Your Committee's attention has been directed to the danger involved in all cases when the Churches are held on lease, and on which large sums have been expended,¹ lest at the expiry of the term the property should pass out of the Church's hands, and be transferred to other religious communities—perhaps the furthest distant from the principles of our Church. A Bill has been brought in by Mr. Broadhurst and other members in the House of Commons to enable leaseholders of houses and cottages to purchase the fee simple of their property, and the word 'house' is interpreted to include any 'chapel' or 'building.' Your Committee deems it important to watch the progress of this measure in Parliament, and recommend the Synod to petition Parliament in favour of the principle thereby advocated.

Your Committee have given much attention to the best method for securing materials for a History of Presbyterianism in England, and have been favoured by the Rev. Dr. Grosart, a member of the Committee, to whom they are greatly indebted, with a valuable letter on the subject which has been sent to every minister in the Church, as well as published in the *Presbyterian Messenger*. Your Committee are convinced that much advantage would result from forming a collection of works illustrative of the history of Presbyterianism in England to be deposited in the College in Queen Square.

¹ Of £829,000 of Church and Manse property insured in 1882, about £244,000 was on Leasehold, £24,000 on Copyhold, £14,000 on Perpetuity, and £547,000 on Freeholds.

The Committee believe that many present and former members and friends of the Church who may happen to possess books, pamphlets, or other documents, printed or in manuscript, bearing upon the history of the Church, may be glad to make them available for the Church, and so procure their preservation.

The Synod, at its meeting in London in 1883, authorised the expenditure of any sum not exceeding £25 for the collection of such materials as may be obtained bearing upon the history of the Church. No part of this sum has as yet been expended, but your Committee will avail themselves of the vote when an opportunity offers. Your Committee would be prepared to offer a prize for the best Essay comprising an historical account of the English Presbyterian congregations of the 17th and 18th centuries, if a sufficient amount were placed in their hands, and they would solicit the formation of a small fund for that purpose. The co-operation of Presbyteries for the historical functions of your Committee is greatly needed, and application will be made to them to appoint, as a corresponding member, one of their number in full sympathy with their purposes. Your Committee will also request the Secretaries of the General Presbyterian Council about to meet in Belfast to favour them with any historical documents bearing on the Presbyterian Church throughout the world, and similar application will be made to the Secretaries of the Historical Societies of Philadelphia and other American cities.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend :

1. That the Synod confirm the vote of £25 for historical purposes granted by the previous Synod.
2. That the Synod recommend to Ministers and Members of the Church their sympathetic co-operation with the Committee in their desire to form a collection of works and documents, printed or in manuscript, valuable in connection with the history of Presbyterianism.

LEONE LEVI, *Convener*.

XIX.

REPORT OF BOARD OF NOMINATION, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

THE Board of Nomination have to report that they met in the month of September; that the attendance of members was large and representative; and that with entire unanimity and cordiality it was resolved to nominate the Rev. Robert H. Lundie, A.M., of Fairfield Church, Liverpool, as the Moderator of next meeting of Synod.

They have further to report that it was agreed to recommend that the Synod appoint the Board of Nomination to meet henceforth not in the month of September, but in that of December.

W. McCaw, *Clerk.*

XX.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

No special business having been remitted to this Committee by last Synod, their principal duty during the year has been to superintend the arrangements for the Quarterly Meetings of Committees. These have been carefully considered from quarter to quarter, and there has been on the whole no serious overlapping. Under existing arrangements your Committee believe this need rarely occur if reasonable care is taken by each Committee to press forward its work so as not, except from absolute necessity, to encroach upon the time of another Committee. In ordinary circumstances the time allowed to each Committee should be amply sufficient, carefully used, for the transaction of the whole of its business.

It is recommended that the collections for the year be once more as arranged at last Synod:—

For Foreign Missions on the Third Sabbath of May, 1884.

„ Continental Work	„	„ July	„
„ Instruction of Youth	„	„ Sept.	„
„ The College	„	„ Nov.	„
„ Jewish Mission	„	„ Jan. 1885.	
„ Home Mission	„	„ March	„

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

GEORGE DUNCAN, *Convener.*

XXI.

REPORT OF TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

YOUR Committee have once more the honour of laying before your reverend Court duly audited accounts of the various Funds entrusted to them.

At the close of the year the balance in the hands of your Committee amounted to 3,896*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.*, which was made up as follows, viz. :—

DEBIT BALANCES.				CREDIT BALANCES.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Aid and Loan Fund .	487	6	4	Foreign Missions .	94	18	7
Synod Fund. .	83	6	8	Home Mission .	1,267	10	1
	<hr/>			Jewish Mission .	125	18	1
	570	13	0	Continental Churches	386	4	10
				College Fund .	300	18	11
				Instruction of Youth .	280	11	2
				Church Building Fund	1,707	6	11
				Aged and Infirm			
				Ministers .	79	15	9
Balance with Bankers	3,896	4	9	Widows and Orphans	233	13	5
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	4,466	17	9		4,466	17	9
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Comparing the net balance thus shown with that of previous years, it will be seen that, though far from unsatisfactory, it gives evidence of a somewhat greater tension in the finance of the Church generally than has been experienced in previous years. The following are the figures for the four years for which the balances have been reported :—

1883	£3,896	4	9
1882	6,090	12	1
1881	6,073	3	6
1880	5,333	13	6

It will be noticed with satisfaction that though the credit-balances in the statement submitted are smaller in amount than in previous years, they represent all the funds but *two*, in regard to both of which special causes have contributed to the result shown.

The increased financial tension throughout the Church is shown in

other ways. It is matter of regret that the *proportion* of Congregations contributing to Church Funds, which for several years has been increasing, shows for 1883 a tendency to decline. And the result of this is seen in a falling off in the Congregational contributions to the principal Church Funds as compared with 1882. For the last four years Congregational contributions stand as follows, viz. :—

	1883			1882			1881			1880		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sustentation Fund (Aid)	5,818	6	5	6,002	12	1	5,635	5	5	5,781	17	11
Foreign Missions	8,265	18	0	8,476	15	8	6,124	14	7	5,994	6	7
Home Mission	1,585	12	4	1,775	8	5	1,693	14	11	1,640	13	11
Jewish Mission.	854	8	10	846	10	9	766	1	7	805	9	4
Continental Churches	415	18	9	605	10	8	478	3	4	248	15	10
College	942	5	8	1,103	9	3	1,255	12	10	1,269	12	9
Instruction of Youth	257	16	9	157	8	3	153	18	5	171	6	5
	18,140	6	9	18,967	15	1	16,107	11	1	15,912	2	9

From none of these points of view can the result be regarded as serious. There is still a fairly satisfactory working balance. The whole falling off in Congregational contributions is only about £820 in the aggregate for all the Funds. And the net decrease in the number of contributions does not exceed 20. On the other hand, the decline affects nearly the whole of the Funds, and in at least three of them (Foreign Missions, Sustentation Fund, and College) is accompanied with a certain measure of embarrassment to the Committees concerned.

The difficulty that has been experienced in launching satisfactorily the new Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund no doubt points in the same direction, showing that the financial pressure of the times tends to affect also the public Funds of the Church. No doubt this is, in so far, to be expected; but it is a question well worthy of consideration whether our people do not, in some instances, yield too readily to the temptation to begin any necessary curtailment of their expenditure with the department of their religious givings, without reflecting on how far the work of God may thus come to be affected.

Your Committee regret that one of the Funds showing a debit balance is the Synod Fund, for the administration of which they are themselves, in so far, responsible. As shown in last year's report, it will be impossible much longer to avoid an increase in the assessment of congregations, so as to obviate a debit balance, unless the Synod will itself guard this Fund by refusing to sanction applications involving increased expenditure from it. It must be remembered that whatever committees the Synod appoints, and whatever expenditure it sanctions, for which there is no other provision, tend to swell the expenditure from its own Fund, which can only be met by increased assessments. Your Committee feel also bound to express their conviction that the present rate of assessment is quite as high as many of our congregations can well bear, and cannot be increased without causing friction. It is easy for the

representatives of strong congregations, with an elastic finance, to speak lightly of a slight increase of the assessment. Your Committee, who have to gather the money, know well that to a considerable proportion of congregations even a slight addition means grave inconvenience. Your Committee recommend that the assessment for next year be once more limited to the rate of 14s. 6d. on membership and ordinary revenue, in the hope that at least no additional charge will be laid on the Fund by this Synod.

In the course of the year your Committee had to consider the question of the Fund properly chargeable with the expense connected with the Visitation of the College. Their decision, with the ground on which it was based, will appear from the following extract minute, transmitted to the College Committee:—‘An inquiry was submitted on behalf of the College Committee as to whether the Travelling expenses of College Visitors were not more properly a charge on the Synod Fund than on the College Fund. Resolved to intimate to the College Committee that, in view of the fact that the College Visitation is certainly undertaken in the interests of the College itself, and in view of the further fact that the assessment for the Synod Fund is already at its *maximum* point, while there is the utmost difficulty in meeting the demands necessarily coming on it, this Committee is very strongly of opinion that the College Committee should not object to the payment of the expense connected with the College visitation out of their own Funds.’

It may be remarked that a somewhat analogous case had presented itself in the previous year, when the expenses of the Synod Visitors had been charged on the Home Mission Fund. It is manifest that unless such classes of expenses are borne by the Funds of the related Committees, they must come on the Synod Fund, and entail a very serious addition to the assessment.

So far as Office Charges are concerned, the expense of administration remains pretty much the same as in previous years, and your Committee have not found it necessary to make any change in the distribution of the same over the various Funds. Travelling expenses, however, are considerably more. No less than £123 7s. 1d. comes on the Synod Fund under this head, a half more than in 1881, chiefly owing to the large Special Committees appointed by the Synod. The increase in the proportion of Presbytery representatives has also caused an increase in the amount of travelling expenses payable to members of Standing Committees, the number appointed directly by the Synod from outside London not having been diminished in proportion, as was intended. The Committee system of the Church costs this year, for travelling expenses alone, no less a sum than £321 19s. 1d. Your Committee think that this class of expenditure ought to be carefully guarded.

The ratio of distribution for the Travelling expenses of Presbytery representatives has been arranged, for this year, as follows:—Sustentation, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Synod and College Funds each 15%; Widows' and Orphans', Jewish and Church Building and Debt Extinction

Funds, each 5% ; Instruction of Youth, 4% ; Aged and Infirm Ministers, Continental and Publication Funds, each 2%.

Upon the whole, your Committee are of opinion that the state of the various accounts of the Church offers great reason for thankfulness. The Church has felt the pressure of the times, but by no means disastrously. If spiritual life prevails in the Church her financial position will be found strong enough for the work required of her. May Divine power descend upon her!

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

GEORGE DUNCAN,

Convener.

[For Office Charges, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 640; for Synod Fund, p. 638.]

XXII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN GIVING,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

DURING eight years your Committee has kept this subject before the Church, and endeavoured to carry out the instructions of the Synod. Congregations and Presbyteries have been visited and ministers have been exhorted to keep the subject in its various aspects before their congregations. A short tractate has also been issued convenient for wide circulation.

It appears to your Committee that the best thing now to be done would be to merge this Committee into that on Ministerial Support, instructing the latter to keep before the Church this so very important and scriptural subject, and that deputations from them should be looked to for this end.

W. P. MACKAY,

Convener.

XXIII.

REPORT OF UNION THANKSGIVING FUND
COMMITTEE,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

THE Committee beg to present to the Synod the final Report of this Fund.

Of the amount £5,164 4s. returned as outstanding at the date of last statement, all has been received or accounted for with the exception of £889 12s., which still remains unpaid.

£417 4s. of this amount was promised to the General Fund, and is, the Committee fear, irrecoverable. The balance for local purposes will probably be paid in time, and will be collected by the parties immediately interested, so that the Committee do not consider it necessary to keep the accounts open any longer.

The total amount the Fund has reached is £144,317 1s., allocated by the Donors as follows :—

					£	s.	d.
General Fund	...	...	...	...	27,947	9	5
Debt Liquidation	...	...	...	...		3	15 0
Church Extension	...	...	...	...	1,361	8	0
Theological Education	...	...	...	...	16,360	6	6
Foreign Missions	...	...	...	...		790	16 0
Jewish Mission	...	...	...	...		89	9 0
Local Purposes	...	...	...	...	96,863	17	1
					£144,317	1	0

Out of the amount at the disposal of the Committee, namely, the amount of the General Fund, £27,947 9s. 5d., the following sums have been allocated :—

					£	s.	d.
Debt Liquidation Grants	...	...	...	...	18,457	6	8
Church Building Fund	...	...	...	...	3,500	0	0
Home Mission Fund	...	...	...	...	2,500	0	0
College Fund	...	...	...	...	2,000	0	0
Foreign Missions	...	...	...	...	500	0	0

In addition to the above amounts, the available balance in hand—about £640—has been allotted in the following proportions:—£500 to the Home Mission Fund, and the balance, £140, to the College Fund, thus fulfilling the instructions of the Synod of April, 1881.

It may be interesting to note that the amount devoted to Debt Liquidation Grants, viz., £18,457 6s. 8*d.*, which has been allotted to fifty-nine congregations distributed over eight of the Presbyteries of the Church, resulted in debt being extinguished to the extent of no less than £52,349 12s. 6*d.* And it is gratifying and instructive to observe to what a large extent self-help was evoked by promise of the grants, and the result of which has not only been to relieve congregations from a crushing burden of debt, but to awaken dormant powers for application in other departments of Christian work.

Many letters from Ministers and Office-bearers of the congregations thus helped and stimulated have been received, containing the most cordial expressions of gratitude for the assistance the grants have afforded to them; and in closing their labours in connection with the Fund, the Committee would thankfully express their conviction that, though all that was aimed at when the Fund was projected has not been realised, it has yet been the means of great and lasting service and blessing to the Presbyterian Church of England, and a grateful memorial of the happy union effected in 1876.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

THOMAS MATHESON,
SAMUEL STITT,

Joint Conveners.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 641.]

APPENDIX.

I.—Statement shewing the whole transactions in connection with the Fund.

Presbytery.	Total.	Right re- served to allocate.	General Fund.	Schemes adopted by the Synod.					Local purposes.		Amounts paid.		Grants made in aid of debt liquidation.		Amounts raised by Con- gregations to meet Grants.	Total amount of debt paid off.	
				Debt li- quida- tion.	Church Ex- tension.	Theological Education.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£
Berwick .	£ s. d. 107 0 0	—	£ s. d. 107 0 0	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 107 0 0	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	
Birmingham .	7,188 9 5	—	146 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	7,042 9 5	7,165 19 5	2,800 0 0	3,961 6 11	6,761 6 11	—	—	—	
Bristol .	1,886 19 7	—	35 0 0	—	5 0 0	10 0 0	—	—	1,846 19 7	1,896 19 7	1,000 0 0	1,197 0 5	2,197 0 5	—	—	—	
Carlisle .	250 15 6	—	103 1 5	—	22 10 0	—	8 8 0	—	116 16 1	250 15 6	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Darlington .	16,185 8 6	—	10,136 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	6,049 8 6	16,042 18 6	2,500 0 0	3,610 4 0	6,110 4 0	—	—	—	
Liverpool .	31,298 8 10	65 0 0	4,125 4 6	—	135 2 0	667 6 6	252 4 0	62 14 0	25,990 17 10	31,122 9 10	993 6 8	2,216 13 4	3,210 0 0	—	—	—	
London .	42,618 16 6	—	8,286 2 9	2 10 0	1,191 6 0	550 0 0	491 4 0	11 5 0	32,086 8 9	42,318 16 6	6,250 0 0	12,321 19 6	18,571 19 6	—	—	—	
Manchester .	17,807 0 9	—	1,163 4 8	—	—	2,135 9 6	12 10 0	—	14,495 16 7	17,648 10 9	2,050 0 0	4,976 11 8	7,026 11 8	—	—	—	
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* This amount £225 has been handed over to the General Treasurer of the Church, pending completion by the Congregations of arrangements for claiming the Grants.

II.—Statement shewing Amount of Grant to each Congregation for Debt Liquidation, and the Amount raised by the Congregation against the Grant.

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CONGREGATION	Total Amount of Debt at time of Grant	Amount of Grant	Amount raised by Congregation against the Grant	CONGREGATION	Total Amount of Debt at time of Grant	Amount of Grant	Amount raised by Congregation against the Grant
<i>Presbytery of Birmingham.</i>				<i>Presbytery of London—cont.</i>			
Camp Hill ...	1,300	200	300	Aldershot ...	650	200	139
New John Street ...	386	150	236	Bow Road, London ...	2,211	400	600
Southwick ...	480	100	340	Camberwell ...	1,300	300	807
Derby ...	1,243	500	250	Clapton ...	1,900	250	1,313
Leicester ...	1,725	450	200	East India Road, London ...	1,025	300	500
Nottingham ...	580	150	440	Hammersmith ...	4,009	400	790
Shrewsbury ...	900	450	470	Kensington ...	4,646	500	1,001
Wolverhampton... ..	2,050	400	825	Kentish Town ...	1,400	300	250
Worcester ...	1,200	400	500	New Barnet ...	425	150	275
<i>Presbytery of Bristol.</i>				Stratford ...	3,000	500	510
Aberdare ...	9,864	2,800	3,561	Wood Green ...	3,380	300	850
Plymouth ...	...	350	100	New Road, Woolwich ...	1,650	300	750
Swansea ...	1,350	550	897	St. Andrew's ...	1,010	400	680
<i>Presbytery of Darlington.</i>				Norwich ...	2,000	500	1,500
Hollerness Road, Hull... ..	...	1,000	1,197	Portsmouth ...	3,835	400	616
Spring Bank, Hull ...	2,100	200	400	<i>Presbytery of Manchester.</i>			
Trinity, Middlesbrough ...	3,450	800	748	Whalley Range, Manchester ...	1,129	250	1,053
Mount Pleasant, Tudeo ...	1,104	300	552	Pendleton ...	1,080	350	730
St. George's, Stockton ...	309	100	209	Preston ...	800	200	600
Towlaw ...	3,750	400	600	Ramsbottom ...	656	250	406
Whitby ...	204	100	102	Rochdale ...	3,276	1,000	2,187
York ...	3,593	300	500	<i>Presbytery of Newcastle.</i>			
<i>Presbytery of Liverpool.</i>				Blyth, Waterloo Road ...	6,911	2,050	4,976
Barrow ...	16,958	2,500	3,610	Gateshead, Durham Road ...	2,250	400	850
Princes' Road ...	2,591	100	500	Houghton-le-Spring ...	4,400	500	1,318
Queen's Road ...	4,340	500	980	Gosforth ...	1,425	200	300
Waterloo ...	2,140	243	736	Jarrow, Ellison Street ...	976	250	250
<i>Presbytery of London.</i>				Seaton Burn ...	821	300	521
Trinity, Brighton ...	10,721	983	2,916	South Shields, St. John's ...	149	74	75
Eastbourne ...	1,000	250	750	" St. Paul's ...	1,005	300	705
Gravesend ...	5,500	300	919	Sunderland, St. Stephen's ...	850	250	650
Ipswich ...	2,500	300	750	Willington Quay ...	1,350	200	300
<i>Presbytery of Northumberland.</i>				Willington Quay ...	850	300	550
				North Middleton ...	14,076	2,774	5,519
					180	90	90

XXIV.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
CHURCH'S RELATION TO THE WESTMIN-
STER CONFESSION,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

THIS Committee was appointed by the Synod of 1883 in these terms :—

‘The Synod, recognising the gravity of the matters thus brought under its notice [by Overtures from the Presbyteries of Birmingham, Liverpool, and London, anent the Westminster Confession of Faith], and the necessity lying upon it to avoid whatever might impair the just confidence of sister Churches in the loyalty of this Church to her Subordinate Standard, yet deems it wise, while affirming its unabated adherence to the doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession, and its gratitude to the Church's Head for that venerable symbol of the Reformed Faith, so long the bulwark of orthodox teaching in Presbyterian Churches, to appoint a Special Committee, with instructions :

‘1. To consider whether any, and, if so, what, changes may with advantage be made in the existing formulas, by which office-bearers affirm their adherence to the Confession of Faith.

‘2. To consider whether it is desirable that any explanatory declaration be adopted by this Church, with a view to make it more clear in what sense the Church understands her Subordinate Standard or any portions thereof.

‘3. To consider whether, with a view to secure some briefer and more available compendium of fundamental doctrine, this Church ought not to approach the General Council of the Presbyterian Alliance to meet at Belfast next year, by memorial or otherwise, on the subject of such a digest of doctrine designed to embody that “Consensus of the Reformed Confessions,” on which the said Alliance is based ; and finally to report on all these points to next Synod.’

A brief narrative of the Committee's proceedings during the year will show that it has acted with a caution and deliberation which may even appear to some to have been excessive, but which, it is believed, will be felt by the Church to have been seemly and wise, in view of the grave and momentous interests involved.

At the first meeting it was resolved to break ground by taking up the second of the three questions remitted by the Synod, namely, the desirability of preparing a Declaratory Statement explaining the sense in

which the Church understands the Confession of Faith. The final decision of the question was postponed. But it was thought that it would assist the Committee and the Church to a right decision if it were possible to ascertain the difficulties regarding which some explanation is generally considered to be needful. The United Presbyterian Declaratory Act of 1879 was made use of as a convenient preliminary basis for this discussion, and was carefully examined, clause by clause, with the view of resolving, yea or nay, whether the points on which deliverances are therein contained, ought to find a place in any similar explanation which may be issued by this Church.

The United Presbyterian Declaratory Act is as follows:—

‘Whereas, the formula in which the Subordinate Standards of this Church are accepted requires assent to them as an exhibition of the sense in which the Scriptures are understood: Whereas these Standards, being of human composition, are necessarily imperfect, and the Church has already allowed exception to be taken to their teaching or supposed teaching, on one important subject: And whereas there are other subjects in regard to which it has been found desirable to set forth more fully and clearly the view which the Synod takes of the teaching of Holy Scripture: Therefore the Synod hereby declares as follows:

‘1. That in regard to the doctrine of redemption as taught in the Standards, and in consistency therewith, the love of God to all mankind, His gift of His Son to be the propitiation for the sins of the whole world, and the free offer of salvation to men without distinction on the ground of Christ’s perfect sacrifice, are matters which have been and continue to be regarded by this Church as vital in the system of Gospel truth, and to which due prominence ought ever to be given.

‘2. That the doctrine of the divine decrees, including the doctrine of election to eternal life, is held in connection and harmony with the truth that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, and that He has provided a salvation sufficient for all, adapted to all, and offered to all in the Gospel; and also with the responsibility of every man for his dealing with the free and unrestricted offer of eternal life.

‘3. That the doctrine of man’s total depravity, and of his loss of “all ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying salvation,” is not held as implying such a condition of man’s nature as would affect his responsibility under the law of God and the Gospel of Christ, or that he does not experience the strivings and restraining influences of the Spirit of God, or that he cannot perform actions in any sense good; although actions which do not spring from a renewed heart are not spiritually good or holy—such as accompany salvation.

‘4. That while none are saved except through the mediation of Christ, and by the grace of His Holy Spirit, who worketh when, and where, and how it pleaseth Him; while the duty of sending the Gospel to the heathen, who are sunk in ignorance, sin, and misery, is clear and imperative; and while the outward and ordinary means of salvation for those capable of being called by the Word are the ordinances of the Gospel: in accepting the Standards, it is not required to be held that any who die in infancy are lost, or that God may not extend His grace to any who are without the pale of ordinary means, as it may seem good in His sight.

‘5. That in regard to the doctrine of the Civil Magistrate, and his authority and duty in the sphere of religion, as taught in the Standards, this

Church holds that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only King and Head of the Church, and "Head over all things to the Church, which is His body;" disapproves of all compulsory or persecuting and intolerant principles in religion, and declares, as hitherto, that she does not require approval of anything in her Standards that teaches, or may be supposed to teach, such principles.

'6. That Christ has laid it as a permanent and universal obligation upon His Church at once to maintain her own ordinances and to "preach the Gospel to every creature;" and has ordained that His people provide by their free-will offerings for the fulfilment of this obligation.

'7. That, in accordance with the practice hitherto observed in this Church, liberty of opinion is allowed on such points in the Standards, not entering into the substance of the faith, as the interpretation of the "six days" in the Mosaic account of the creation: the Church guarding against the abuse of this liberty to the injury of its unity and peace.'

The Committee likewise obtained some assistance in this matter from the Declaratory Act of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, approved by the Victorian General Assembly in November, 1882, explaining the sense in which that Church understands the Westminster Confession, which reads as follows:—

'Whereas questions have been raised as to the meaning of certain statements in the Confession of Faith relative to the Divine decrees, the salvation of children dying in infancy, the dealing of God with persons beyond the operation of the ordinary means of grace, and the creation of the world in six days; and also as to the meaning and binding force of certain statements in the Formula by which the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria profess adherence to the Standards of the Church; and whereas it is desirable, in order to remove such doubts, authoritatively to declare the sense in which the Church understands these statements, the General Assembly resolves to declare, and does hereby declare:—

'1. That the doctrine of God's eternal decree, including the doctrine of election to eternal life, is held as defined in the Confession of Faith, Chap. iii. Sec. 1, where it is expressly stated that according to this doctrine "neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established;" and further, that the said doctrine is held in connection and harmony with the truth,—that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance; that He has provided a salvation sufficient for all, adapted to all, and offered to all in the Gospel; and that every hearer of the Gospel is responsible for his dealing with the free and unrestricted offer of eternal life.

'2. That while none are saved except through the mediation of Christ and by the grace of the Holy Spirit, who worketh when, and where, and how it pleaseth Him; while the duty of sending the Gospel to the heathen, who are sunk in ignorance, sin, and misery, is imperative; and while the outward and ordinary means of salvation for those capable of being called by the Word are the ordinances of the Gospel; in accepting the Standards it is not required to be held that any who die in infancy are lost, or that God may not extend His grace to any who are without the pale of ordinary means, as it may seem good in His sight.

'3. That in accordance with the practice hitherto observed in this Church, liberty of opinion is allowed on such points in the Standards, not essential to the system of doctrine therein taught, as the interpretation of the "six days,"

in the Mosaic account of creation, the Church guarding against the abuse of this liberty to the injury of its unity and peace.

'4. That the Church does not regard subscription to the Formula as binding the person subscribing to anything more in respect of doctrine than the Formula requires expressly and in terms, viz. :—To own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Standards of this Church as an exhibition of the sense in which he understands the Scriptures, and to acknowledge it as a confession of his faith; meaning by "the whole doctrine contained in the Standards," the system of doctrine in its unity, formulated in the Confession of Faith, catechetically exhibited in the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, implied in the statements of the Directory for Public Worship, the Form of Presbyterian Church Government, and the Second Book of Discipline, and historically known as the Calvinistic, or Reformed System of Doctrine; but that the Church has always regarded, and continues to regard, those whom it admits to the office of the Ministry, as pledged to profess, defend, and teach this system in its integrity, and while giving due prominence in their teaching to all the doctrines which it includes, to give a chief place to the central and most vital doctrines thereof, with those objective supernatural facts on which they rest, especially the Incarnation, the Perfect Obedience and Expiatory Death, and the Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord, avoiding such forms of teaching as might be fitted to weaken or destroy the faith of the people in the same.'

The Committee determined (but even this only provisionally, subject to confirmation at their next meeting) that except in the case of the *sixth* clause, the points dealt with in the United Presbyterian Declaratory Act ought to be included in any similar statement which might be adopted by this Church. Members of Committee were invited to suggest for future discussion any further matters as to which they deemed it desirable that the attitude of the Church should be made clear. But at the next meeting it appeared that only two such suggestions had been offered, and that even these only referred to the *preamble* of a Declaratory Act. So that it may be fairly assumed that the United Presbyterian Declaratory Act covers the whole ground over which any similar explanation of its doctrinal position, which may be made by this Church, ought to travel.

At the second meeting the competency of the action of the Committee was questioned, in so far as it had proposed to discuss in a Declaratory Statement matters of doctrine not contained in the Confession of Faith. But by a large majority (twenty to three) the Committee affirmed the competency of the steps taken at the previous meeting.

The clauses of the United Presbyterian Declaratory Act were then examined once more *seriatim*; and in each case the Committee resolved, unanimously or by a large majority, to confirm the provisional resolution of the former meeting; that is to say, it was finally agreed that in the judgment of this Committee a Declaratory Statement (if prepared) should deal with all the questions of doctrine regarding which deliverances are given in the United Presbyterian Declaratory Act, except the question taken up in the sixth clause of that document.

A sub-Committee was next appointed to specify the paragraphs in the Confession of Faith which may be supposed to be referred to in the

first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and seventh clauses of the United Presbyterian Declaratory Act. At the December meeting the sub-Committee's Report was received and adopted. It will be convenient to the members of Synod if the substance of this report be here given, as follows:—

The First Clause of the United Presbyterian Declaratory Act chiefly refers to Confession of Faith, ii. 1, 2; iii. 4, 6; vii. 3; viii. 5; x. 1, 2.

The Second Clause refers to Confession of Faith, iii. 3, 7; v. 6; ix. 3, and most of the paragraphs cited under the First Clause.

The Third Clause refers to such passages as Confession of Faith, iii. 7; vi. 4; ix. 3; x. 4; xvi. 7.

The Fourth Clause refers to Confession of Faith, x. 3, 4.

The Fifth Clause refers to Confession of Faith, xx. 4; xxiii. 3; xxxi. 2.

The Seventh Clause refers to such passages as Confession of Faith, iv. 1; xxv. 6; xxvii. 4; xxix. 3, and the like.

At the December meeting, still leaving undecided the question: 'Recommend or not recommend the Synod to prepare a Declaratory Statement?' the Committee proceeded, as directed in the first paragraph of last Synod's remit, to consider the advisability of modifying the Formulas by which office-bearers affirm their adherence to the Confession of Faith.

These Formulas are as follows:—

The Formula for Ministers and Licentiates: 'Do you sincerely receive and adopt the doctrine of the Westminster Confession of Faith as in accordance with the teaching of Holy Scripture; and do you consent to the said Confession as the Standard by which your teaching in this Church shall be judged; it being understood, in reference to the teaching of the Confession of Faith regarding the duty of Civil Rulers, that, while holding the subjection of such rulers, in their own province, to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, you are not required to accept anything in that document which favours, or may be regarded as favouring, intolerance or persecution?'

The Formula for Elders: the same as that for Ministers and Licentiates, except that it substitutes 'the public teaching within this Church' for 'your teaching in this Church.'

The Formula for Deacons: 'Do you sincerely receive and adopt, as in accordance with Holy Scripture, the system of Evangelical doctrine taught in this Church, and contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith?'

The Convener laid before the Committee the Formulas in use in the chief Presbyterian Churches which have the Westminster Confession of Faith as a Subordinate Standard. It may assist the Synod in dealing with this matter to know in what terms other English-speaking Presbyterian Churches require their office-bearers to accept the Confession of Faith.

The formulas in question read thus:—

1. *Church of Scotland.*

- (1) The Formula of 1694, at first appointed for Ministers and Preachers, and now subscribed by Elders:—'I do sincerely own and declare the above Confession of Faith, approved by former General Assemblies of this Church, and ratified by law in the year 1690, to be

the confession of my faith, and I own the doctrine therein contained to be the true doctrine which I will constantly adhere to.'

- (2) The Formula of 1711, now subscribed by Ministers and Preachers :—
'I . . . do hereby declare that I do sincerely own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith, approved by the General Assemblies of this National Church, and ratified by law in the year 1690, and frequently confirmed by divers Acts of Parliament since that time, to be the truths of God, and I do own the same as the confession of my faith.'

2. *Free Church of Scotland.*

- (1) For Elders and Deacons :—

'Do you sincerely own and declare the Confession of Faith, approved by former General Assemblies of this Church, to be the confession of your faith ; and do you own the doctrine therein contained to be the true doctrine, which you will constantly adhere to ?'

- (2) For Ministers :—

'Do you sincerely own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith, approved by former General Assemblies of this Church, to be founded upon the Word of God ; and do you acknowledge the same as the confession of your faith ; and will you firmly and constantly adhere thereto, and to the utmost of your power assert, maintain, and defend the same, and the purity of worship as presently practised in this Church ?'

3. *United Presbyterian Church.*

Formula for Ministers, Missionaries, Preachers and Elders :—

'Do you acknowledge the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, as an exhibition of the sense in which you understand the Holy Scriptures ; it being understood that you are not required to approve of anything in these documents which teaches, or is supposed to teach, compulsory or persecuting and intolerant principles in religion ?'

4. *Irish Presbyterian Church.*

Formula of Subscription for Ministers and Elders :—

'I believe the Westminster Confession of Faith as described in the book of the constitution and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland . . . to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God, and as such I acknowledge it as the confession of my faith.'

5. *Presbyterian Church of Victoria.*

Formula for Ministers, Elders, and Probationers :—

'I own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Standards of this Church as an exhibition of the sense in which I understand the Holy Scriptures, and acknowledge it as a confession of my faith.'

6. *Canada Presbyterian Church.*

Formula for Ministers, Elders, Deacons, and Probationers :—

'Do you sincerely own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith, approved by this Church in terms of the Articles

of Union, to be founded upon the Word of God ; and do you acknowledge the same as the confession of your faith ? ’

7. *Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.*

Formula for Ministers and Probationers, since 1872 :—

‘ Do you believe the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Subordinate Standard of this Church, to be founded on the Word of God, and agreeable thereto ; and will you adhere thereto in your teaching ? ’

8. *The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (North).*

Formula for Ministers, Elders, and Probationers :—

‘ Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith of this Church as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures ? ’

The Committee having carefully looked at the various Formulas at present in use in our own and other Churches, saw no reason for changing the present Formula for Deacons ; but, in regard to the Formula for Ministers, Licentiates, and Elders, unanimously resolved (again, however, only provisionally, subject to revision at the March meeting) :—That in the event of the Committee agreeing to propose a modification of the Formula, the Formula for Ministers and Licentiates (and, with the same change as at present, for Elders) shall be as follows :—‘ Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *system* of doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith as in accordance with the teaching of Holy Scripture, and do you consent to the said Confession as the standard by which your teaching in this Church shall be judged ? ’

The third paragraph of the Synod’s remit was then considered, and it was agreed (subject to the confirmation of the Committee at its March meeting),—That it is not needful to memorialize the Council of the Presbyterian Alliance regarding the preparation of a ‘ Consensus of the Reformed Confessions.’

At the March meeting the results of the deliberations of the year were gathered up by the final adoption of the following resolutions :—

1. It was unanimously agreed that, while considering no change to be necessary in the Formula for Deacons, it be a recommendation to the Synod that the Formula for Ministers and Licentiates, and (with the same modification as at present) for Elders, shall henceforth be as follows :—‘ Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *system* of doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith as in accordance with the teaching of Holy Scripture, and do you consent to the said Confession as the standard by which your teaching in this Church shall be judged ? ’ adding to the question the words which follow in the present formula : ‘ it being understood, in reference to the teaching of the Confession of Faith regarding the duty of Civil Rulers, that, while holding the subjection of such Rulers, in their own province, to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, you are not required to accept anything in that document which favours, or may be regarded as favouring, intolerance or persecution ’ ; unless provision be otherwise made (as, *e.g.*, in a Declaratory

Statement) for relief regarding the teaching, or supposed teaching, of the Confession of Faith on the duty of Civil Rulers.

2. It was resolved to recommend to the Synod that a Declaratory Statement, dealing with the matters the Committee has already agreed upon as those which ought to be taken up in such a Statement, and explaining the sense in which the Church understands the Confession of Faith, be prepared and adopted.

The only opposition offered to this resolution was a proposal (which was lost by a small majority) that after the words 'recommend to the Synod,' there be inserted the words 'while reserving the question of the preparation of any other document which might better serve the purpose of defining the doctrinal position of the Church.' The Committee was, therefore, unanimously of opinion that a Declaratory Statement ought to be at once prepared for adoption, and only differed as to whether or not the resolution should explicitly say that possibly such a Declaratory Statement may before long be superseded by some other document (as, *e.g.*, a shorter Confession of Faith).

3. It was unanimously agreed to confirm the resolution provisionally adopted at the December meeting, to the effect that it is not needful to memorialize the Council of the Presbyterian Alliance regarding the preparation of a 'Consensus of the Reformed Confessions.'

4, and lastly. It was unanimously agreed, That the Committee being of opinion that 'a briefer and more available compendium of fundamental doctrine' would not only be of great value in itself, but would probably aid the Church in solving the difficulties which led to its appointment, recommend the Synod, in reappointing the Committee, to instruct it more fully to consider this matter and report upon it to the Synod of 1885.

The Committee accordingly humbly requests that the Synod will take what steps are necessary to have the Formulas for Ministers, Licentiates, and Elders modified in the manner indicated above. The Committee further asks that it be re-appointed, with instructions to prepare a Declaratory statement, embracing the points agreed upon as requiring explanation, and also to consider in what way a 'briefer and more available compendium of doctrine' may be best prepared, and the uses which such a document might serve.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,

Convener.

XXV.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SEACOMBE APPLICATION AND DARLINGTON OVERTURE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

IN accordance with their instructions, the Committee have considered the several points raised by the matters remitted to them by the Synod. They regret that in neither case have they been able to come to a unanimous finding, and beg to report as follows:—

I. ON THE SEACOMBE APPLICATION.

After long deliberation, and a careful consideration of the various questions raised in connection with this matter, it was moved by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, and seconded by Mr. Goodman, as follows:—

1. The Committee are persuaded of the importance of maintaining a high standard of education in the ministers of the Church.

2. While recognising that, in exceptional cases, a door should be left open for the admission into the ministry of men distinguished for ability and success in Home Mission work, they do not see their way to recommend the granting of power to dispense sealing ordinances to missionaries who have not been so exceptionally treated and ordained by the Synod, inasmuch as a variety of difficulties would attend a departure from the ordinary practice of our own Church, and of sister Presbyterian Churches, in reference to this subject.

3. As regards the particular circumstances of the Seacombe Mission, the Committee, after discussion, recommend to the Synod to remit to the Presbytery of Liverpool to take this matter into consideration, with a view of ascertaining whether the Seacombe Mission is not likely soon to be in a condition to apply to be raised to the position of a Sanctioned Charge, which would remove serious difficulties.

As an amendment, it was moved by Dr. Morison, and seconded by the Rev. James Muir, as follows:—

The Committee are persuaded of the importance of maintaining a high standard of education in the ministers of the Church.

But recognising that, in exceptional cases, a door should be left open

for the admission into the ministry of men distinguished for ability and success in Home Mission work,

They agree to recommend that in such exceptional cases, as judged of by the Synod, ordination to the ministry in connection with Mission Halls and Preaching Stations may be authorised, under such conditions as to the Synod may seem fit.

On a vote being taken, the motion was carried by three to two; and the Committee resolved accordingly.

II. THE DARLINGTON OVERTURE ON THE PARITY OF PRESBYTERS.

The Committee having carefully considered this matter, it was moved by Dr. Fraser, and seconded by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, that the following be the finding of the Committee, viz.:—

That the parity of Presbyters in rule is a principle of this Church; but, from regard both to venerable usage and to practical considerations of convenience, it is not expedient to make the alteration as to the Moderatorship proposed in the Darlington Overture.

As an amendment, it was moved by Dr. Edmond, and seconded by Mr. W. Sutton, that the finding be as follows:—

That in view of the recent decision of the Synod, it is not expedient to raise the question anew of the eligibility of Ruling Elders to the Chair of Moderatorship in Church Courts.

On a vote being taken, the motion was carried by five to two; and the Committee resolved in terms thereof.

JOHN REID,

Convener.

XXVI.
REPORT OF HYMN-BOOK PURCHASE
COMMITTEE,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

YOUR Committee devoted close attention to the matter entrusted to them by the Synod. They found Messrs. J. Nisbet and Co., the joint proprietors of 'Church Praise,' ready to meet them in a fair spirit, and the Committee were satisfied with the terms which they were prepared to accept for the surrender of their interest in the book.

It appears to have been expected, at the time the Committee were appointed, that funds would be provided by some friends of the Church to supply the purchase-money required. But although applications were made in numerous quarters, it was found that the funds were not forthcoming. In these circumstances, the Convener saw Messrs. Nisbet and arranged with them that, in the event of their continuing joint proprietors of the book, they would make certain modifications in the terms of the agreement.

Subsequently to this it was again represented that steps were being taken outside the Committee to raise the necessary purchase-money, but these also fell through, and in view of the detriment to the successful launching of the book which was being caused by the suspense in regard to its ownership, Messrs. Nisbet wrote to the Committee to withdraw the offer they had made.

This withdrawal the Committee could not accept, but could only hand it on to the Synod, which they now beg respectfully to do.

H. M. MATHESON,
Convener.

XXVII.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE COUNCIL OF
THE FEDERATED CHURCHES,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

THE third meeting of the Council was fixed by the Synods to be held in November, 1883, as the General Presbyterian Council had been appointed to meet in Belfast in 1884. In consequence of unforeseen difficulties, however, while a formal meeting took place at the date agreed on, the regular and full Council was only convened in February of the present year.

The first Sederunt of Council was held at 10 p.m. of Tuesday, the 26th February, and during the first hour, when the meeting was private, was presided over by the Rev. Dr. George Jeffrey, Convener of the United Presbyterian Delegates. After the reading and confirmation of Minutes of the Second Sederunt of Council in Manchester, 16th November, 1881, and of the meeting held in Glasgow 27th November, 1883, the arrangements made by the Business Committee for the proceedings of Council at the present meeting were submitted and approved. Reports were then called for and given in from the respective Synods on the matters which had been referred to them by the preceding Council.

References from the Synods to the Council were then asked for, when it appeared that there was none from the United Presbyterian Synod, but a request was submitted from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, that the Council should confer on matters arising out of the Spittal case. After Conference the following resolution was agreed on:—

‘The Council, having had its attention called to difficulties that may arise in connection with applications to the Synod of either Church for recognition of congregations by parties who had previously been in connection with the other denomination, agreed unanimously to recommend the Synods to instruct their respective Presbyteries that no steps committing the Synod of their Church to any such recognition shall be taken by any Presbytery until the whole facts and circumstances shall have been reported to said Synod, and its sanction obtained.’

It was then agreed that the Council should recommend to the Synods to appoint the next meeting of Council to be held in Newcastle-on-Tyne on the last Tuesday of November, 1886, and a Business Committee was named to make the necessary arrangements.

In terms of that nomination this Synod is requested to appoint the Revs. John Thompson, R. H. Lundie, J. H. Boyd, and John Black, with Mr. Thomas Bell, of London, as the English section of the Committee on Arrangements, Mr. Black Convener.

At 11 A.M. the Council met in public, when the Rev. Robert S. Scott, Moderator of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, was called to the chair. After devotional exercises, and introductory remarks by the Chairman, the Council entered on Conference, when papers were read, with discussion ensuing, as follows:—

1. On ‘How to Popularise our Church Creed and supply our People with a Brief Compendium of Doctrine,’ by the Rev. John Thompson, M.A., of Newcastle.

2. On ‘How to Foster Intelligent Church Attachment,’ by the Rev. David Young, D.D., Glasgow.

3. On ‘The Churches’ Duty to the Young,’ by the Rev. H. G. Forbes, of Edinburgh.

4. On ‘The Responsibilities of the Church in relation to Great Cities,’ by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, of Liverpool.

The Council agreed that the authors of these Papers should be requested to allow them to be printed, and the Clerks of Council were appointed to consider in what best form and way they might be prepared and distributed.

There were present at the Council seventeen Delegates from the United Presbyterian Church, and fourteen from the Presbyterian Church of England. Apologies for absence were received from nine United Presbyterian Delegates, and nineteen of the Presbyterian Church of England.

In the evening a public meeting was held in Renfield Street Church, when the Rev. Dr. Edmond, as Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, presided. After an Introductory Address from the Chair in relation to the working of the Union in England, a Paper was read by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Leckie on ‘Present Phases of Unbelief,’ and an address given by the Rev. W. Young, B.A., of Manchester, on ‘The Duty of the Church in reference to Retaining her Youth under her Influence.’ The lateness of the hour prevented the reading of a Paper by the Rev. D. MacLean, of Alloa, who was present, on ‘The Reflex Influence of Christian Missions,’ while the Rev. Dr. James Brown, D.D., of Paisley, who had been requested to prepare a Paper on ‘The Ministry of the Church,’ was absent through indisposition.

In submitting to the Synod, on behalf of their Delegates, the foregoing Report, the Convener has only to express his feeling that the utility of the Council had been vindicated by the interchange of views freely made on matters of much importance to the well-being of both the Churches represented.

JOHN EDMOND,

Convener.

XXVIII.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1884.

A YEAR in the history of the Church may seem but a short period to produce any change, and in many of their essential features years are wonderfully similar one to another, nevertheless it is a deep subject of thought that every year in England and Wales upwards of eight hundred thousand human beings are brought into life, and nigh half a million souls are ushered into eternity; whilst the prospect enormously widens when we have regard to the same phenomena yearly occurring over the vast population which covers the earth. What power and responsibility rest in the Church as an instrument for the diffusion of the Gospel! How urgent that she should seize every opportunity for doing her work, and with what interest must we regard whatever retards or advances her beneficent mission! The statistics of the Presbyterian Church of England, only a small section of the universal Church, should exhibit by clear and tangible proof not only what she does for the higher interests of her members, but what her members are doing for the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS.

The Presbyterian Church regards her Congregations as many component parts of the larger body—the Church—each having its own history and vicissitudes, and each possessing the character of a family of God's people, associated together for the better pursuit of the higher life. The Presbyterian Church of England has now 279 Congregations well scattered over England, some having a large number of members, others as yet only a few; some of very old date, and others formed quite recently, but each doing its work on the whole with zeal and knowledge.

Divided according to membership, these congregations stood as follows :—

Presbyteries.	Under 200 members.	200 and under 500 members.	500 members and upwards.	Total.
Berwick	7	8	1	16
Birmingham	14	1	—	15
Bristol	6	2	—	8
Carlisle	10	3	—	13
Darlington	16	3	1	20
Liverpool	12	14	5	31
London	50	22	7	79
Manchester	16	14	—	30
Newcastle	19	18	6	43
Northumberland	14	10	—	24
	164	95	20	279

Thus of the 279 Congregations 59 per cent. were comparatively small, having under 200 members ; 34 per cent. were of middle size, having from 200 to 500 members ; and about 7 per cent. were of larger dimensions, having 500 members and upwards each.

DATES OF CONGREGATIONS.

Divided according to their dates of formation they stood as follows :—

Pre byteries.	17th century.	18th century.	19th century.		Total.
			1801 to 1850.	1851 to 1883.	
Berwick	2	6	7	1	16
Birmingham	—	—	4	11	15
Bristol	—	—	—	8	8
Carlisle	1	5	4	3	13
Darlington	—	—	3	17	20
Liverpool	—	—	10	21	31
London	1	1	13	64	79
Manchester	2	1	11	16	30
Newcastle	3	13	13	14	43
Northumberland	4	9	10	1	24
	13	35	75	156	279

The Presbyterian Church of England remounts far back in her history to the seventeenth and eighteenth century. Forty-eight Congregations still extant witness to her early plantation in England, especially in Northumberland ; nevertheless her real strength is of modern growth, 56 per cent. of the whole number of congregations having been established within the last 30 years. Of her Ministers, 273 in number, 11 date their connection with their present charges before 1850, and all the rest since that year.

CHURCH BUILDING AND DEBT.

A considerable addition has of late years been made to the number of churches and manses, the value of which is to some extent exhibited by the amount covered by fire insurance. In 1878 the amount insured was £692,131, and in 1883, £872,896, showing an increase in the five years of £180,765. And it is gratifying to find that the debt, which in 1878 amounted to £111,253 on Churches, and £6,498 on Manses, total £117,751, was reduced in 1883 to £96,325 on Churches and £10,772 on Manses, total £107,097. The column in the tables indicating the nature of the tenure under which the property is held should be studied carefully, especially in view of the precariousness attending all leasehold property.

SITTINGS AVAILABLE AND LET.

With the increase of Congregations there is a large increase in the number of seats available for worshippers. A certain number of congregations charge no seat rent. Full 90 per cent., however, of the available sittings provided are to be let, and constitute an important source of congregational revenue. The proportion of seats let in each congregation may not be a sufficient guide to estimate its real strength, nevertheless it is a *primâ facie* evidence of the amount of need which they supply. To afford a safe guide, however, the figures reported under this head must be fully reliable. The number of sittings available in any church ought to be well known and uniformly stated year by year. The mode of returning the number of sittings *let* ought to be uniform by all congregations, excluding in all cases sittings *appropriated and not let*. Yet, in comparing the returns from year to year, it is apparent that not a few discrepancies exist in these cases which to a certain extent affect the general results. From the following figures it will be seen that the proportion of seats let to seats available has been diminishing of late years.

Years	Number of Seats Available	Number of Seats to Let	Number Let	Proportion per cent. of Sittings Let		Income from Seat Rents
				To Seats Available	To Seats to Let	
1878	131,721	117,728	63,810	48·44	54·20	£ 40,106
1879	135,232	121,088	61,485	45·46	50·77	39,819
1880	136,896	125,896	63,227	46·28	50·22	40,490
1881	141,903	126,494	62,998	44·39	49·80	39,602
1882	142,994	127,905	63,554	44·44	49·75	41,258
1883	143,106	129,825	63,349	44·27	48·80	40,830

The number of sittings let shows no improvement, while the number of sittings available has largely increased, and the result in the seat rent is that, whilst in 1878 each sitting available produced 6s., in 1883 each

sitting produced 5s. 8d. The extent in which the sittings available are let in 1883 in each Presbytery is as follows:

Presbyteries	Number of Seats Available	Number of Seats to Let	Number Let	Proportion per cent. of Sittings Let	
				To Seats Available	To Seats to Let
Berwick . . .	7,634	6,890	3,931	51·49	57·05
Birmingham . . .	7,234	6,884	1,832	25·31	26·61
Bristol	5,483	4,833	2,256	41·14	46·67
Carlisle	4,596	3,796	2,664	44·90	54·37
Darlington	9,692	6,992	2,468	25·46	35·29
Liverpool	20,877	19,020	10,476	50·17	55·67
London	41,637	38,067	17,897	42·74	47·01
Manchester	16,069	15,119	6,852	42·76	45·32
Newcastle-on-Tyne . . .	20,326	18,666	10,791	53·08	57·81
Northumberland . . .	9,558	9,558	4,782	50·02	50·02
	143,106	129,825	63,349	44·38	48·83

MEMBERSHIP.

During the year there has been a fair increase in the number of Communicants, and in some instances the number admitted for the first time is eminently satisfactory. The total number on the roll, which in December 1882 was 57,402, increased at the end of 1883 to 58,406, or at the rate of 1·74 per cent. The following is a comparison of the numbers on the roll, and of the gains and losses during the last six years:

Years	Number Admitted for the First Time	Number Dead and Lapsed	Number Admitted by Certificate	Number Removed by Certificate	Number on the Roll	Increase per Cent.
1878	3,349	2,862	3,987	2,848	54,135	
1879	3,042	2,274	3,971	2,833	54,487	0·06
1880	3,174	3,325	4,301	3,053	55,286	1·46
1881	3,404	3,309	4,458	3,053	56,408	2·02
1882	3,342	3,498	4,438	3,183	57,402	1·76
1883	3,707	3,608	4,691	3,304	58,423	1·78
	20,018	18,876	25,866	18,274		
	Excess	1,142	Excess	7,592	6 years	1·32

The average annual increase of communicants between 1878 and 1883 has been 1·32 per cent., but during the same period the average annual increase of population in England and Wales has been 1·20 per cent.; therefore there has been an absolute gain of only 0·12 per cent. per annum. It will be seen, moreover, that this increase largely consists of transfers by certificate from other churches.

Divided into Presbyteries the Communicants were as follows :

	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.
Berwick . .	4,170	4,230	4,187	4,045	3,935	4,087
Birmingham . .	1,493	1,482	1,509	1,530	1,577	1,719
Bristol . .	1,404	1,322	1,242	1,253	1,279	1,334
Carlisle . .	1,676	1,686	1,716	1,815	1,927	1,872
Darlington . .	2,872	2,956	2,793	2,809	2,882	3,040
Liverpool . .	8,916	9,141	9,459	9,736	9,887	9,900
London . .	13,627	13,714	14,273	14,717	15,271	15,688
Manchester . .	5,153	5,172	5,304	5,444	5,436	5,499
Newcastle . .	10,389	10,394	10,507	10,691	10,851	11,062
Northumberland	4,405	4,290	4,296	4,359	4,357	4,222
	54,135	54,487	55,286	56,399	57,402	58,423

OFFICE-BEARERS.

To attend to the spiritual wants of the Communicants, and to superintend over the finances of the Congregation, a sufficient number of office-bearers is absolutely needed. The number of these has been as follows :

Years	Elders	Deacons	Managers	Total	Per 100 Communicants
1878	1,490	585	1,987	4,062	7.50
1879	1,538	573	2,042	4,155	7.62
1880	1,602	615	2,011	4,228	7.64
1881	1,593	610	2,164	4,367	7.74
1882	1,633	642	2,137	4,412	7.68
1883	1,615	603	2,176	4,394	7.49

The proportion of Elders is well maintained, but not so of Deacons or Managers.

COLLEGE.

The number of students in the College was somewhat larger in 1883 than in 1882. Since 1878 they have been as follows :

	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	Total
1878	6	10	4	20
1879	4	7	11	22
1880	6	5	8	19
1881	8	5	6	19
1882	7	10	6	23
1883	10	7	10	27

ROLLS OF BAPTISED MEMBERS.

The Book of Order enjoins Sessions to keep a Roll of all baptised members of the Congregation not yet in full communion, and your Committee are pleased to learn that some Congregations have initiated such Rolls, so that ere long full account of this important section of the Church will be obtained. Meanwhile, returns have been received of the number of children under 14 years of age from 108 Congregations, having together 13,202. The returns received applying to only about a third of the Congregations, no help is thereby afforded towards the ascertainment of the full strength of the Church as a religious community in England.

TEMPERANCE.

The Synod having desired information of the different Temperance Associations within the Church, your Committee have pleasure in reporting that returns have been received showing the existence of 147 Bands of Hope, 3 Good Templar Lodges, 56 Temperance Societies, and 4 branches of the Blue Ribbon Army.

WORKS OF BENEVOLENCE.

The life of the Church is seen in the activity of her members in deeds of benevolence, and a good test of the relative vitality of the different Congregations may be found in the proportion of the number of Christian workers to the total number of Communicants. In the whole Church there were, in 1883, 1,980 District Visitors; 3,990 Members of Dorcas Societies, and 6,698 Sabbath School teachers, who had under their Charge 74,830 Sabbath scholars. There were, moreover, 4,221 members of Young Men's Societies, and 6,446 members of Bible Classes. This is a goodly number, but it by no means exhibits the entire amount of Christian usefulness of our members, for many are employed in Charitable societies, in Ragged Schools, and in manifold works of usefulness outside the organisations of the Church, of which no account whatever can be taken.

CHINA MISSION.

The progress of the work in China may be seen from the following facts relating to Missionaries, Evangelists, and Communicants at all the stations :

Years	Stations	Missionaries	Evangelists	Communicants
1878	74	15	57	2,212
1879	76	15	64	2,228
1880	79	19	65	2,342
1881	82	27	64	2,570
1882	88	31	83	2,748
1883	101	33	90	2,859

FINANCIAL.

The economic condition of the country during the past year has not been very satisfactory, many branches of industry having greatly suffered, and its effects are seen in the finances of the Church. There is no diminution in the Congregational Income, which supplies what may be considered obligatory engagements, but there is some diminution in the Synodical finances, and in the item of donations. The following are the facts relating to Congregational Income since 1880 :

CONGREGATIONAL INCOME.

	1880	1881	1882	1883
	£	£	£	£
Seat Rents	40,490	39,602	41,258	40,830
Sustentation Fund (not being aid)	3,843	10,984	11,330	11,270
Collections	55,376	59,462	59,612	58,797
Poor and Congregational Missions	18,888	21,121	21,191	22,908
	124,597	131,169	133,391	133,805
Number of Congregation . .	273	275	279	279
Average per Congregation . .	456	478	478	479

The increase in the amount for the poor and extra-Congregational Missions evidences the increasing activity of the Church, and more than makes up for the diminution in the other sources of income.

The Income for temporary purposes necessarily varies from year to year, and has been as follows :

1878	£34,712	1880	£47,305	1882	£52,872
1879	25,388	1881	43,235	1883	41,210

STIPENDS.

The rate of Stipends has improved from an average of £304 in 1878 to an average of £317 in 1883, though not uniformly in all the Presbyteries. The following is the proportion under each scale, with the number of mansees and averages at each period.

	Under £200	£ 200 and under 300	£ 300 and under 400	£ 400 and under 500	£ 500 and under 600	£ 600 and under 700	£ 700 and under 800	£ 800 and under 1,000	£ 1,000 and upwards	Total	Mansees	Average Stipends	
												1883	1878
												£	£
Berwick	3	11	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	15	13	211	205
Birmingham	—	12	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	2	228	229
Bristol	—	2	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	8	3	361	319
Carlisle	3	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	5	210	183
Darlington	1	15	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	9	218	222
Liverpool	—	10	2	5	7	4	2	1	—	31	4	419	388
London	7	25	16	5	13	4	—	4	4	78	18	390	420
Manchester	—	11	8	6	4	—	—	—	—	29	4	327	321
Newcastle	3	23	9	4	1	1	1	—	—	42	15	279	264
Northumberland . . .	2	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	21	199	199
	19	140	44	23	26	9	3	5	4	273	94	317	304

SYNODICAL FINANCES.

MISSIONS.

The amount contributed by Presbyteries for Missionary purposes at home and abroad shows a reduction from the preceding years—as will be seen from the following :

Years	Home	Foreign	Jewish	Continental	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
1878	2,025	5,881	745	268	8,919
1879	1,502	5,241	401	268	7,432
1880	1,641	5,994	805	248	8,688
1881	1,694	7,398	767	478	10,337
1882	1,925	10,891	846	605	14,267
1883	1,586	10,217	854	416	13,073

COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS.

The funds of the College are greatly derived from the produce of funded property ; nevertheless, the stated income is aided by contributions from the whole Church. In 1883 the Presbyteries contributed for this purpose £942, and for Schools only £258.

TOTAL INCOME.

On the aggregate the amount of income was as follows :

	1880	1881	1882	1883
	£	£	£	£
Congregational Incomes . . .	124,597	131,169	133,391	133,805
Temporary Purposes . . .	47,305	42,225	52,872	41,210
Synodical Finances by Presby- terian Association . . .	24,140	23,386	30,378	25,231
Donations and Free Church	9,588	11,846	18,654	10,973
Total	205,630	208,626	235,295	211,219

Of the £211,219 received in 1883, £89,480, or 42·37 per cent., were for Ministerial support ; £42,263, or 20 per cent., for building and repair of churches ; £22,585, or 10·69 per cent., for Missions ; £22,908, or 10·84 per cent., for the poor and Congregational Missions ; £3,874, or 1·83 per cent., for Colleges ; £268, or 0·12 per cent., for Schools ; £1,272, or 0·64 per cent., for Synod Fund ; and £28,525, or 13·51 per cent., for Congregational working expenses.

GENERAL FINANCES.

Divided by Presbyteries the amount contributed was as follows :

Presbyteries	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883
	£	£		£	£	£
Berwick . .	4,337	4,213	4,121	4,149	4,226	4,749
Birmingham .	6,031	4,863	5,763	8,795	3,484	6,002
Bristol . .	6,030	5,369	4,773	5,204	5,267	6,630
Carlisle . .	2,853	2,908	3,457	4,904	5,411	3,894
Darlington . .	7,748	9,897	13,591	9,986	16,088	12,423
Liverpool . .	26,850	31,050	37,896	33,470	36,638	37,262
London . .	71,432	65,092	76,220	78,198	82,635	73,616
Manchester . .	25,359	20,288	19,371	18,851	24,833	19,742
Newcastle . .	23,230	20,611	23,773	20,630	23,676	24,445
Northumberland	4,244	4,540	5,164	4,709	5,080	4,598
	178,114	168,431	191,125	191,897	209,338	193,361
Donations, &c..	12,441	11,838	14,505	16,729	25,956	17,858
Total .	190,555	180,269	205,630	208,626	235,295	211,219

And the proportion per Communicant was as follows :

Presbyteries	1878			1879			1880			1881			1882			1883		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Berwick . .	1	0	9	0	19	11	0	19	8	0	19	8	1	1	5	1	3	2
Birmingham .	4	0	9	3	5	7	3	16	4	5	14	10	3	9	6	3	9	10
Bristol . .	4	5	10	4	1	2	3	16	11	4	3	0	4	2	5	5	0	6
Carlisle . .	1	14	0	1	14	6	2	0	0	2	14	0	2	16	1	2	1	7
Darlington . .	2	13	11	3	6	3	3	15	10	3	11	1	5	11	7	4	1	8
Liverpool . .	3	0	0	3	10	1	4	0	3	3	10	11	3	14	8	3	15	3
London . .	5	4	10	4	14	11	5	6	10	5	6	3	5	8	2	4	13	10
Manchester . .	4	18	4	3	18	5	3	13	1	3	8	4	4	11	4	3	11	9
Newcastle . .	2	4	8	2	0	1	2	5	3	2	4	2	2	3	4	2	4	2
Northumberland	0	19	3	1	1	1	1	3	11	1	1	7	1	3	4	1	1	:
By Presbyteries .	3	5	9	3	2	3	3	9	2	3	8	3	3	12	11	3	6	1
Total with dona- tions . .	3	10	4	3	10	6	3	14	4	3	13	11	4	2	0	3	12	3

The general results under the circumstances must be considered as fairly satisfactory. Notwithstanding difficulties the Church is steadily progressing in Congregations, Membership, and Finances. Yet the rate of progress is but small, and it greatly needs the refreshing influence of Divine Grace to enable her not only to prosper within herself, but to undertake greater and nobler enterprises for the extension of religion and morals, in England, the Continent of Europe, China, and the other parts of the world.

LEONE LEVI,

Convener.

APPENDIX.

INVENTORY OF THE PROPERTY

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND ITS COMMITTEES,
1882.

REAL PROPERTY.

Churches and Manse returned (see Table of Congregational Statistics) as insured for £872,896. Estimated to have been insured for two-thirds of the real value represent a capital of £1,309,344.

School Buildings, £13,000.

Mission Buildings in China and India.

Furniture, library, &c., of College, Queen Square.

Property belonging to Congregations.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

1. College Funds :

(A) Securities valued (last) at £32,222 in Railway property and Bank shares, with moiety of rental of house in Strand, yielding £150. For particulars, see Report of College Trustees, p. 633.

(B) Barbour Endowment £10,000 North Staffordshire Railway Five per cent. Preference Stock.

2. Scholarships :

Securities in Indian Railways, Indian Government, Canadian Stock, and British Railways, amounting to £6,402. For particulars, see Scholarships Accounts, p. 634.

3. Sustentation Fund—Muter Trust :

Securities in Railway Property, Manufactures, and New Zealand Government, Stocks valued at £21,328. For particulars see Muter Account, p. 611.

4. Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund :

Securities, sundry investments at cost price, £26,102. For particulars, see Accounts, p. 613.

5. Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund :

Sundry Investments at cost price, at December 31, 1883, £6,229. For particulars, see Accounts, p. 613.

COST OF CHURCHES.

Presbytery of Birmingham.

Date		Sittings.	Cost.	Cost per Sitting.
			£	£ s. d.
1865	Birmingham, Camp Hill	... 600	4,000	6 13 4
1865	Derby	... 450	3,100	6 17 1
	„ Sunday School Hall	... —	700	—
1865	Leicester	... 700	4,500	6 8 9
1867	Nottingham	... 500	3,800	5 12 0
	„ Lecture Hall	... —	700	—
1867	Shrewsbury	... 500	5,042	10 1 7
1882	Walsall	... 550	3,264	5 18 8
1866	Worcester	... 800	7,000	8 15 0
			Average	£

Presbytery of Bristol.

1875	Aberdare	... 400	4,600	11 10 0
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Date.		Sittings.	Cost. £	Cost per Sitting. £ s. d.
1865 Cardiff	700	6,000*	8 18 5
1868 Gloucester	600	4,500	7 10 0
1864 Swansea ... ..	...	1,200	8,000	6 13 4
Average				£8 10 6

Presbytery of Carlisle.

1863 Carlisle, Warwick Road (including Site for Manse) ...	650	2,618	4	0	0
	—	1,005	—		
1881 " " " " ...	250	1,450	5	16	0
			Average	4	16 0

Presbytery of Darlington.

1873	Hull, Holderness Road	...	1,050	5,525	5	5	3
1868	" Prospect Street...	...	850	6,000	7	1	2
1874	" Springbank	...	500	6,100	12	4	0
1872	Middlesborough, Trinity	...	550	4,500	8	3	7
1867	Stockton, St. George's	...	550	7,445	13	10	9
1858	West Hartlepool	...	650	5,000	7	13	10
1874	Whitby	...	460	5,600	12	3	6
1874	York	...	800	6,000	7	10	0
Average					£9	4	0

Presbytery of Liverpool.

1868	Birkenhead, Hamilton	...	600	3,000	5	0	0
1864	Liverpool, Fairfield	...	600	6,154	10	5	0
1879	"	Sefton Park (including Lecture Hall, &c.)	900	19,869	22	1	6
1876	"	" Union	907	7,746	8	10	9
1867	St. Helen's	...	500	3,452	6	18	0
	"	Manse and School	—	1,500	—	—	—
1870	Southport Church	...	450	6,910	15	7	1
1873	Waterloo	...	311	5,888	18	18	0
Average					£11	16	0

Presbytery of London.

1867 Bournemouth	335	3,400	10 2 11
1877 Canterbury	440	5,000	11 8 3
1878 Eastbourne	700	6,700	9 11 0
1868 Gravesend	750	4,842	6 9 0
1870 Ipswich	500	4,100	8 4 0
" " Lecture Hall	—	566	—
1881 London, Blackheath (Lecture Hall)	—	1,900	—
1869 " Bow	468	3,650*	7 14 0
1882 " Brockley (including Lecture Hall)	977	8,200	8 7 10
1867 " Camberwell	550	7,178	11 11 6
1870 " Camden Road	650	9,445	14 10 7
" " Lecture Hall	—	1,150	—
1871 " Clapton	550	6,368	11 11 6
1876 " Crouch Hill	606	8,250	13 12 3
1868 " Hammersmith	550	7,015	12 18 1
1869 " Kentish Town	700	2,750*	3 18 6
1875 " Marylebone	1,575	15,000	9 10 5
1870 " New Barnet	290	2,825	9 16 3
1872 " Notting Hill	870	13,234	15 4 0
1877 " Oxenden	560	8,000	14 5 8
" " Lecture Hall	—	1,400	—

* Approximate.

Date.		Sittings.	Cost. £	Cost per Sitting. £ s. d.
1882	London, Somers Town	1,060	8,380	7 18 1
	Institute	—	1,492	—
1872	„ South Kensington	800	7,200	9 0 0
1875	„ Streatham	389	5,696	14 12 10
1864	„ Tottenham	450	6,000	13 6 8
1874	„ Upper Norwood	520	6,500	12 10 0
	Lecture Hall, &c.	—	1,000	—
1872	„ Wandsworth	600	7,500	12 10 0
1875	„ Willesden	400	3,500	8 15 0
1875	„ Wood Green	500	5,852	11 14 1
1867	Norwich	650	4,323	6 13 0
	„ Schoolroom & other property	—	2,177	—
1880	Portsmouth	586	6,966	11 17 7
1879	Reading	540	5,500	10 1 8
1883	St. Leonards	820	8,011	—
1874	Southampton, Woolston	386	3,300	8 10 0
			Average	£10 11 0

Presbytery of Manchester.

1879	Leeds, Cavendish Road (including Lecture Hall)	600	6,000	10 0 0
1868	Manchester, Bowdon	400	7,000	17 6 0
1875	„ Higher Broughton (including Lecture Hall, &c.)	650	8,000	—
1871	„ Longsight (including Sabbath School)	450	5,500	12 4 5
1871	„ Pendleton	500	3,800	7 12 0
1874	„ Sale	700	6,600	9 8 6
	„ Manse	—	1,650	—
1867	„ Withington	560	6,227	11 2 5
1872	Ramsbottom	650	7,500	11 10 9
1869	Wigan	630	5,676	9 0 2
	„ School and Cottage	—	1,000	—
			Average	£11 0 0

Presbytery of Newcastle.

1878	Blackhill	340	2,500	7 7 1
1883	Bellingham	250	1,750	7 0 0
1873	Blyth, Waterloo Road	600	5,300	8 16 8
1872	Durham	380	3,500	9 4 2
1869	Gateshead, Durham Road	850	7,500	8 16 0
1869	Hebburn-on-Tyne	880	14,000	15 18 2
1877	Houghton-le-Spring	400	3,500	8 15 0
1874	Jarrow, Wear Street	312	2,800	8 19 6
1873	Newcastle, Barras Bridge	700	5,222	7 9 0
1881	„ Heaton (Lecture Hall, &c.)	186	1,250	6 14 5
1872	Newcastle, Westmoreland Road	750	6,000*	8 0 0
1877	South Shields, St. John's	630	5,500	8 14 7
1878	„ „ St. Paul's	380	3,200	8 8 5
1871	Sunderland, Trinity	700	4,000	5 14 3
1877	Wark	160	1,411	8 16 0
	„ Manse	—	1,425	—
			Average	£8 11 0

Presbytery of Northumberland.

1860	Morpeth	850	4,350	2 7 3
1863	Newbiggin	300	709	5 2 4
			Average	£3 14 0
			Total Average	£8 8 0

* Approximate.

TABLES
OF
GENERAL STATISTICS.

PART I.
CONGREGATIONAL.

GENERAL

OF

PRESBYTERIAN

PRESENTED TO THE

PART I.—CON

F, Freehold ; L, Leasehold and number

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
	PRESBYTERIES.				£	£	£		
	BERWICK.								
1	Ancroft Moor	1845	1880	F	1200	...	160	260	133
2	Beaumont	1850	1882	L 66	1000	...	...	364	332
3	Belford—Columba	1840	1851	F	600	...	...	370	130
4	„ —Erskine	1777	1867	L 42	1300	...	...	360	210
5	Berwick—Bankhill	1719	1863	aL250	6900	...	...	400	242
6	„ —Church Street	1812	1883	F	1000	...	...	600	free
7	„ —Wallace Green	1771	1878	F	5300	...	...	1031	900
8	Chatton	1850	1851	F	800	...	...	500	268
9	Crookham	1732	1864	F	...	...	...	480	205
10	Etal	1696	1866	F	400	...	...	400	230
11	Horncliffe	1853	1858	F	800	...	70	325	171
12	Lowick	1662	1874	F	750	...	150	450	214
13	Norham—North... ..	1845	1858	F	...	...	300	500	196
14	„ —South... ..	1737	1870	F	500	...	...	350	160
15	Spittal	1752	1881	C	3700	500	...	700	340
16	Tweedmouth	1840	1854	C	800	...	300	400	200
	One Preaching Station ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	144	free
					19050	500	980	7634	393
	BIRMINGHAM.								
17	Birmingham—Broad Street	1839	1875	L 55	4000	...	...	800	116
18	„ —Camphill	1865	1867	F	4500	800	...	600	150
19	„ —New John Street	1855	1882	F	3000	...	...	400	92
20	„ —Smethwick	1853	1868	F	1600	...	...	350	free
21	Burton-on-Trent	1861	1870	L 86	1600	65	...	334	130
22	Derby	1865	1865	F	2616	440	...	450	106
23	Dudley	1842	1880	F	2000	250	...	500	85
24	Hanley	1847	1858	C	650	...	...	d	...
25	Leicester	1865	1883	F	2000	1000	...	600	176
26	Nottingham	1867	1880	L 82	4000	...	...	500	251
27	Shrewsbury	1867	1875	F	2050	...	...	500	60
28	Stafford	1672	1878	F	1000	600	400	250	185
29	Walsall	1877	1883	L 95	3000	450	...	550	135
30	Wolverhampton	1862	1876	F	5000	1060	...	600	238
31	Worcester	1865	1873	F	5000	...	...	800	108
					42016	4665	400	7234	1832

(a) Manse Freehold.

(b) Inclusive of £300 insured on Manse.

STATISTICS

THE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

SYNOD IN 1883.

GREGATIONAL.

of years; C, Copyhold; P, Perpetuity.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsel. &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1883.	1882.											
3	2	...	4	21	35	...	112	122	...	7	...	...	...	2	15	...	...	6	1
7	...	12	12	137	54	3	318	227	1	13	2	...	...	5	45	...	...	14	2
3	2	...	...	5	17	...	120	132	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
7	...	8	...	...	...	...	224	216	5	6	...	...	...	5	30	...	...	...	4
8	6	...	8	10	9	9	250	250	1	13	9	5	10	9	78	...	60	37	5
9	...	15	24	17	17	11	308	294	2	9	9	22	...	11	100	...	17	44	6
17	...	24	41	65	47	28	845	812	5	35	17	25	60	63	702	...	...	60	7
5	...	12	18	28	31	13	262	260	3	18	13	...	...	4	62	...	...	17	8
3	6	...	5	7	15	2	185	170	...	14	2	...	...	1	33	82	...	...	9
4	1	...	10	30	37	4	207	208	...	13	4	6	...	5	40	...	...	12	10
3	...	...	...	15	15	...	186	186	1	14	...	...	...	7	75	100	...	...	11
5	8	...	14	28	40	5	221	224	...	16	5	...	...	8	92	...	...	26	12
3	4	...	5	20	29	5	190	193	2	18	5	...	...	6	94	...	...	...	13
4	...	8	6	43	24	1	140	122	...	4	1	...	...	6	34	...	...	7	14
16	...	10	21	20	19	10	291	279	1	15	6	25	...	16	136	...	...	45	15
4	...	5	...	3	11	4	180	192	4	20	2	...	...	2	22	104	...	...	16
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	48	...	2	...	...	...	9	55	...	...	...	...
103	29	94	168	449	400	95	4087	3935	25	225	75	83	70	159	1613	286	77	268	...
6	...	13	12	12	14	7	118	115	1	10	4	13	15	24	388	...	12	43	17
5	...	14	8	10	3	7	149	141	1	12	4	19	24	31	393	...	28	13	18
5	...	8	11	6	2	7	81	73	1	2	3	12	24	27	268	...	...	...	19
5	...	12	2	2	...	3	83	82	...	5	1	12	3	25	252	...	25	22	20
2	...	13	8	...	8	1	100	101	1	5	1	...	...	19	145	...	...	...	21
4	...	9	5	16	18	6	82	85	...	4	...	...	15	20	140	...	23	8	22
4	...	12	28	1	9	4	99	83	3	5	1	4	...	24	201	...	...	12	23
6	...	11	8	9	5	3	128	100	4	10	1	...	...	21	255	...	...	11	24
3	...	5	8	32	1	2	72	35	1	9	2	...	10	8	53	...	27	...	25
4	...	10	15	31	13	6	206	179	1	9	3	13	25	44	368	...	35	20	26
2	...	11	5	1	1	8	88	91	...	6	...	...	...	13	71	...	...	6	27
5	...	12	17	2	5	4	114	104	2	14	2	12	12	15	174	...	26	28	28
3	...	10	7	2	3	6	79	79	...	4	1	...	...	15	192	...	...	...	29
6	...	12	10	12	2	9	197	186	10	16	2	12	66	14	178	...	26	48	30
4	5	...	10	5	5	10	123	123	1	7	1	8	15	21	220	...	18	20	31
64	5	152	154	141	89	83	1719	1577	26	118	26	105	209	321	3298	...	220	231	...

(c) Belongs to all the Berwick Congregations.

(d) Church Burnt.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.												
No.	CONGREGATIONS.				Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
									Church.	Manse.		
BRISTOL.												
32	Aberdare...	...	...	...	1875	1882	L 991	2500	1000	...	400	108
33	Bristol ...	...	...	...	1855	1881	F	4000	170	...	700	340
34	Cardiff ...	...	...	...	1865	1881	L 80	5500	...	500	633	342
35	Cheltenham ...	...	...	...	1860	1873	F	320	...	...	650	free
36	Gloucester ...	...	...	...	1868	1881	P	5000	...	...	600	240
37	Plymouth ...	...	...	...	1861	1864	F	a	...	...	800	700
38	Swansea ...	...	...	...	1862	1881	L 80	10000	1300	...	1200	250
39	Torquay ...	...	...	...	1864	1872	L 77	4000	...	...	500	276
	One Preaching Station ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
								31320	2470	500	5483	2256
CARLISLE.												
40	Bewcastle ...	...	...	...	1836	1881	L 5	...	...	...	200	free
41	Brampton ...	...	...	...	1649	1881	F	1000	...	...	280	126
42	Carlisle—Fisher Street ...	...	...	...	1688	1862	F	2700	...	...	572	478
43	„ —Warwick Road ...	...	...	...	1862	1873	F	1000	...	384	650	free
44	Cleator Moor ...	...	...	...	1867	1869	F	700	...	...	225	168
45	Haltwhistle ...	...	...	...	1744	1880	F	400	...	...	200	33
46	Harrington ...	...	...	...	1881	1881	L 997	1000	...	...	235	192
47	Maryport—Crosby Street ...	...	...	...	1831	1851	F	1100	...	...	400	220
48	„ —John Street... ..	...	...	...	1776	1880	F	1000	...	40	320	154
49	Penrith ...	...	...	...	1700	1858	F	400	...	...	210	96
50	Whitehaven—High Street ...	...	...	...	1775	1882	F	1000	...	...	400	66
51	„ —Market Place ...	...	...	...	1836	1866	F	3100	...	...	514	326
52	Workington ...	...	...	...	1767	1879	P	1000	...	...	240	205
	One Preaching Station ...	...	...	...	...	...	C	...	...	...	150	free
								14400	...	424	4596	2064
DARLINGTON.												
53	Bishop Auckland ...	...	...	...	1863	1867	bL 81	1900	...	...	240	free
54	Crook ...	...	...	...	1861	1863	F	1100	...	...	250	150
55	Darlington ...	...	...	...	1865	1880	F	2000	500	...	500	266
56	Grimsby ...	...	...	...	1874	1883	F	3000	1520	...	450	157
57	Harrogate ...	...	...	...	1876	1882	F	500	...	...	312	54
58	Hartlepool ...	...	...	...	1839	1843 1865	F	4000	2000	...	640	210
59	Hull—Holderness Road ...	...	...	...	1873	1882	F	4000	1100	...	1150	free
60	„ —Prospect Street ...	...	...	...	1867	1868	F	4000	400	1288	850	free
61	„ —Springbank ...	...	...	...	1838	1882	F	4000	1830	...	500	free
62	Middlesbrough—Newport Road ...	...	...	...	1862	1879	F	2000	600	250	650	148
63	„ —Trinity ...	...	...	...	1872	1880	F	3000	...	...	550	218
64	Mount Pleasant, Spennymoor ...	...	...	...	1863	1863	F	1650	...	...	300	108
65	Redcar ...	...	...	...	1872	1883	L	400	...	...	230	121
66	Scarborough ...	...	...	...	1880	vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...
67	Stockton—St. Andrew's ...	...	...	...	1845	1871	F	3100	...	...	340	263
68	„ —St. George's ...	...	...	...	1867	1880	F	3000	...	...	530	300
69	Towlaw ...	...	...	...	1863	1864	F	1000	55	55	200	free
70	West Hartlepool ...	...	...	...	1858	1858	F	4000	250	...	650	250
71	Whitby ...	...	...	...	1874	1874	F	3150	1960	...	500	130
72	York ...	...	...	...	1874	1875	F	4000	1187	...	850	93
								49800	11402	1593	9692	2468

(a) Church burnt, but in process of being rebuilt.

(b) Manse freehold.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted	No. received by Certificate.	No. removed by Certificate.	Number lapses, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1883.	1882.											
3	...	10	13	4	2	1	59	45	...	5	...	2	...	26	150	...	28	15	32
6	...	15	11	12	13	10	191	191	3	13	4	...	35	24	224	...	30	20	33
8	...	20	10	22	9	17	241	238	3	22	4	10	49	19	164	...	47	30	34
5	1	5	5	12	6	13	149	151	2	4	3	24	90	18	246	...	...	19	35
6	...	9	23	7	13	10	171	164	5	4	4	15	...	21	302	...	...	40	36
4	6	...	7	3	3	3	206	202	10	14	3	10	20	45	775	...	25	30	37
3	...	12	18	9	23	1	150	158	3	3	1	...	30	26	200	...	15	...	38
5	...	8	5	14	7	14	128	130	2	3	5	...	16	4	27	...	...	25	39
...	...	...	14	25	...	...	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	7	79	106	108	76	69	1334	1279	28	68	24	61	240	183	2088	...	145	179	...
1	...	3	9	...	...	7	65	63	...	4	2	...	...	5	42	...	...	17	40
6	...	7	8	...	...	1	66	59	...	5	...	8	...	12	110	...	...	10	41
10	...	15	25	29	40	31	368	385	3	43	10	...	7	45	639	...	...	30	42
7	14	...	12	24	30	14	312	320	1	15	5	32	20	67	489	...	48	50	43
4	2	...	2	4	6	19	90	109	3	9	5	...	...	12	80	45	...	12	44
3	...	7	3	2	7	6	39	47	...	3	...	...	...	2	6	...	...	...	45
5	...	15	9	17	...	13	135	124	...	28	3	...	...	22	204	...	...	...	46
2	...	10	4	5	12	11	114	128	1	20	5	7	...	25	200	...	...	20	47
5	...	6	8	3	...	4	115	107	2	9	...	...	...	18	100	...	...	15	48
3	...	6	7	6	1	1	102	79	1	5	...	...	...	13	79	...	...	10	49
4	...	15	1	...	4	12	86	101	...	...	...	...	...	13	100	...	...	...	50
5	...	7	9	24	21	10	215	213	2	25	2	15	36	22	196	...	...	28	51
6	...	12	15	11	16	14	142	147	5	20	5	6	12	26	346	...	60	...	52
2	...	5	...	...	...	4	23	45	...	1	1	...	...	3	23	...	...	7	...
63	16	108	112	125	137	147	1872	1927	18	187	38	68	75	285	2614	45	108	199	...
5	...	12	2	10	9	1	106	104	2	6	1	22	14	11	115	...	...	18	53
6	...	12	5	8	9	2	92	90	...	12	1	10	...	21	192	...	12	12	54
5	11	...	25	20	13	9	219	205	3	10	3	33	15	43	446	...	9	8	55
5	4	...	25	10	1	6	133	105	3	1	5	12	20	32	300	...	...	...	56
3	...	9	6	2	2	...	56	50	3	...	...	...	13	6	25	...	...	16	57
3	...	16	6	13	8	1	170	162	2	12	1	...	12	20	180	...	...	...	58
8	14	...	37	1	15	33	197	207	2	8	2	30	...	52	790	...	...	...	59
13	3	...	16	8	6	14	551	547	2	4	8	...	...	52	577	...	...	...	60
5	11	...	10	...	6	6	121	123	2	6	2	...	...	20	150	...	34	...	61
4	...	15	2	25	10	9	126	118	4	7	2	...	20	17	175	...	...	12	62
4	...	12	11	18	23	4	167	165	...	17	2	...	...	22	337	...	...	15	63
5	...	11	4	11	7	8	112	108	...	8	...	8	...	17	115	...	...	23	64
3	...	6	2	16	15	1	97	95	1	5	1	...	...	7	66	...	...	...	65
...	...	4	...	4	...	...	16	30	...	2	...	...	...	3	21	...	...	...	66
8	...	15	9	19	10	9	224	215	...	17	1	8	12	30	281	...	...	...	67
6	6	...	6	11	2	9	141	135	...	7	2	4	...	13	258	...	...	20	68
4	...	9	24	2	...	1	63	38	1	9	...	...	10	17	170	...	...	21	69
7	...	12	17	36	11	4	213	175	2	14	2	...	...	37	460	...	...	13	70
4	...	8	3	1	...	3	101	100	...	11	1	...	...	17	150	...	45	7	71
4	9	...	17	19	7	11	135	110	1	7	2	13	...	15	95	...	35	25	72
102	58	141	227	234	154	131	3040	2882	28	163	36	140	116	452	4903	...	135	190	...

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.											
No.	CONGREGATIONS.			Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
								Church.	Manse.		
	LIVERPOOL.						£	£	£		
73	Barrow-in-Furness	...	...	1868	1870	F	6200	1783	...	758	394
74	Birkenhead—Claughton	...	...	1863	1863	F	8500	...	...	782	589
75	" —Grange Road	...	...	1846	1847 1880	F	3600	...	...	613	534
76	" —Hamilton...	...	...	1868	1874	F	a4200	...	350	600	198
77	" —St. Andrew's	...	...	1840	1868	F	4000	...	...	793	398
78	" —St. Paul's	...	...	1858	1870	F	2600	772	...	410	267
79	Chester	...	...	1846	1867 1883	F	1500	...	...	553	123
80	Douglas	...	...	1825	1866	F	3000	...	200	594	203
81	Egremont	...	...	1859	1865	F	5000	...	...	749	395
82	Liverpool—Canning Street	...	...	1844	1880	F	7500	...	...	984	491
83	" —Derby Road	...	...	1855	1877	L 72	9400	...	...	1100	672
84	" —Everton Valley	...	...	1862	1868	L 61	5000	...	...	350	614
85	" —Fairfield	...	...	1864	1866	F	4500	...	...	600	425
86	" —Islington	...	...	1845	1874	F	5000	...	...	832	612
87	" —Mount Pleasant	...	...	1807	1881	L	6600	...	...	1000	440
88	" —Prince's Road	...	...	1864	1879	F	5500	950	...	596	330
89	" —Queen's Road	...	...	1861	1864	F	6000	1000	...	850	390
90	" —St. George's	...	...	1845	1877	F	8000	...	...	1105	603
91	" —St. Peter's	...	...	1842	1878	F	6000	...	...	700	320
92	" —Sefton Park	...	...	1879	1880	L	15750	...	...	800	800
93	" —Shaw Street	...	...	1860	1876	F	3000	...	...	500	170
94	" —Trinity	...	...	1857	1858	F	2560	...	...	500	267
95	" —Union	...	...	1876	1878	L 70	5000	1100	...	907	free
96	" —Vauxhall Road	...	...	1867	1868	F	3000	...	...	450	free
97	Parkgate	...	...	1858	1875	P	...	...	...	250	free
98	Ramsey	...	...	1834	1878	C	500	...	...	180	92
99	Roek Ferry	...	...	1856	1857	F	3820	...	...	630	318
100	St. Helen's	...	...	1867	1875	L 983	6000	...	...	500	187
101	Southport	...	...	1870	1879	F	6150	...	...	450	241
102	Sutton	...	...	1850	1880	F	500	...	...	250	d ...
103	Waterloo	...	...	1873	1873	F	5000	...	...	361	313
	Three Preaching Stations	...	...	...	...	...	1000	240	...	530	90
							154380	5845	550	20877	10476
	LONDON.										
104	Aldershot	...	...	1862	1863	F	2800	150	300	700	210
105	Aston Tirrold	...	...	1847	1874	F	500	...	...	150	free
106	Bournemouth	...	...	1857	1878	eF	b4800	...	...	330	202
107	Brighton—Queen's Road	...	...	1845	1880	F	4000	...	400	650	free
108	" —Trinity	...	...	1870	1871	F	2000	300	...	450	300
109	Canterbury	...	...	1877	1883	F	4500	1100	...	450	70
110	Chatham	...	...	1839	vacant	L	850	c110	...	560	free
111	Croydon	...	...	1867	1880	F	9400	...	850	540	280
112	Darenth Dartford	...	...	1881	1882	F	...	...	...	130	63
	Carried forward	...	...	...	...	...	28850	1660	1550	3960	1125

(a) Inclusive of £1,200 insured on Manse.

(b) Inclusive of £1,700 insured on Manse.

(c) On New Hall.

(d) No return.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.									
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Renewed by Certificate.	No. Lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	No.		
							1883.	1882.													
9	...	15	12	24	11	42	319	336	4	22	1	20	...	33	312	...	16	26	73		
11	...	16	32	19	8	10	314	281	2	11	2	...	6	38	442	...	48	80	74		
7	...	17	33	24	9	22	422	396	3	10	8	30	16	63	854	...	35	20	75		
5	...	5	15	13	10	5	157	144	2	9	2	6	36	13	177	250	...	14	76		
9	8	...	32	...	33	25	413	427	...	...	2	14	100	60	814	1082	36	24	77
4	...	15	4	19	5	4	215	201	1	11	4	11	25	26	463	...	40	...	78		
4	3	5	1	11	10	25	105	128	...	1	3	5	12	21	201	201	...	14	79		
4	3	...	3	8	14	7	159	172	...	2	5	...	...	14	105	...	...	...	80
10	...	12	...	...	...	...	481	461	...	20	...	40	12	104	1080	600	30	90	81
14	9	...	23	35	13	27	519	501	...	17	6	32	40	104	1032	...	56	120	82		
13	...	15	22	39	55	178	728	900	4	52	22	30	31	63	810	...	...	42	83
12	...	15	25	49	34	30	627	617	8	31	12	23	12	67	749	...	37	53	84		
5	...	10	18	32	...	...	310	309	3	23	...	16	40	46	654	...	58	23	85
7	...	15	29	11	31	76	575	640	11	30	11	15	36	66	923	...	50	145	86		
10	...	16	19	16	11	38	342	356	...	8	10	10	30	57	467	...	...	50	87
10	...	13	12	54	19	57	416	426	10	32	9	12	22	23	250	...	36	40	88		
9	...	23	20	21	18	112	331	419	6	23	4	10	20	52	767	...	22	30	89		
4	11	...	18	34	16	7	489	460	5	18	3	8	41	48	410	...	37	70	90		
8	...	18	55	9	33	18	422	409	3	27	10	12	...	42	410	...	52	42	91		
9	10	...	65	68	23	5	451	346	2	31	1	31	135	68	867	...	83	80	92		
5	...	10	17	14	13	7	195	184	6	13	2	7	...	18	165	...	50	25	93		
4	...	8	10	6	12	35	175	207	...	10	5	...	20	26	323	...	...	70	94
11	...	24	56	52	26	61	591	570	18	37	9	15	27	70	625	...	53	36	95		
3	6	...	8	3	3	7	102	101	...	9	2	1	60	13	203	...	20	15	96		
2	...	12	...	7	5	...	72	70	1	...	...	12	...	12	98	...	...	50	97
3	...	9	...	11	3	6	61	66	...	3	6	...	...	18	110	...	...	9	98
7	...	12	5	5	7	3	257	257	1	16	3	15	106	50	741	...	26	...	99		
5	...	12	10	4	1	9	134	130	5	17	...	6	15	25	364	...	...	...	100
7	...	8	11	31	21	1	171	151	4	5	1	...	...	12	149	...	18	12	101
3	...	8	3	1	4	...	97	92	1	4	...	...	...	11	100	92	...	9	102
4	...	7	4	8	9	3	131	130	2	4	3	18	20	15	135	...	...	60	103
...	...	21	13	52	2	1	119	...	...	2	1	3	...	21	302	...	...	21	...
218	50	341	575	680	459	821	9900	9887	102	498	147	402	862	1299	15102	2225	803	1270	...		
4	...	14	11	5	7	12	129	137	36	12	3	8	22	22	241	...	30	24	104		
3	...	2	7	2	8	1	54	54	2	4	1	4	13	6	65	32	...	...	105
9	2	...	15	15	6	35	139	150	3	2	5	...	15	18	128	...	...	25	106
3	7	...	11	15	4	18	254	250	5	9	1	...	35	51	619	...	45	80	107		
4	...	12	...	...	...	...	120	120	...	...	...	10	18	...	...	...	...	40	108
2	...	5	6	...	...	1	48	55	...	2	1	8	...	12	130	...	20	35	109
2	2	...	2	7	1	5	85	82	1	5	1	3	12	14	155	...	...	20	110
5	9	...	18	32	21	12	205	188	2	9	2	...	20	14	182	...	15	14	111		
...	...	5	2	4	7	2	44	47	...	...	1	2	...	4	49	...	...	...	112
32	20	38	72	80	54	86	1078	1083	49	43	15	35	135	141	1569	32	110	238	...		

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
	Brought forward ...				£	£	£		
113	Eastbourne ...	1878	1878	F	28850	1660	1550	3960	1125
114	Edenbridge ...	1882	1882	...	6500	3700	...	700	450
115	Gravesend ...	1868	1879	F	4200	1452	...	200	102
116	Guernsey ...	1856	1882	P	500	...	...	750	211
117	Highfields Withyham ...	1881	1881	P	...	...	...	210	52
118	Holybourne ...	1880	1882	F	300	...	...	200	free
119	Ipswich ...	1868	1880	private	3550	...	...	270	free
120	Jersey ...	1856	1882	F	3000	†490	...	470	227
121	Lewes ...	1865	1877	F	3000	...	...	500	258
122	London—Belgrave ...	1846	1882	F	a2000	...	...	350	82
123	" —Bermondsey ...	1873	1882	L 34	4000	2700	...	320	350
124	" —Blackheath ...	1881	1882	F	600	...	...	620	125
125	" —Bow Road ...	1869	1872	F	1170	207	...	250	77
126	" —Brockley ...	1877	1881	L 72	3300	1225	...	468	68
127	" —Camberwell ...	1867	1875	P	6000	*2600	...	977	340
128	" —Camden Road ...	1857	1883	F	5100	1250	...	550	439
129	" —Canonbury ...	1862	1880	L 82	8000	2000	...	700	307
130	" —Clapham Road ...	1861	1880	L	3500	...	...	450	180
131	" —Clapton ...	1856	1861	F	12300	...	...	1380	962
132	" —Crouch Hill ...	1876	1883	F	6000	800	...	550	240
133	" —Ealing ...	1875	1883	F	7000	b5000	...	600	free
134	" —East India Dock Road ...	1865	1876	F	800	...	...	d ...	d ...
135	" —Forest Hill ...	1870	1865	L 73	2200	...	...	350	150
136	" —Greenwich ...	1842	1883	F	...	2700	...	c 500	253
137	" —Hammersmith ...	1869	1873	L 63	7650	...	...	825	305
138	" —Hampstead ...	1845	1869	L 85	4500	1300	...	550	308
139	" —Highbury ...	1859	1864	F	6000	...	...	474	248
140	" —Islington ...	1839	1860	L 66	14000	...	...	950	566
141	" —Kensington ...	1862	1863	F	4650	750	...	750	672
142	" —Kentish Town ...	1869	1882	L 74	7000	2500	...	650	301
143	" —Kingston-on-Thames... ..	1874	1882	L 55	3000	1400	...	700	148
144	" —Marylebone ...	1844	1879	L	550	...	...	230	120
145	" —Millwall ...	1862	1870	L 88	12000	4500	2000	1575	896
146	" —New Barnet ...	1870	1872	L 77	1000	...	...	300	95
147	" —Notting Hill ...	1872	1877	F	2400	...	...	280	124
148	" —Oxenden ...	1737	1880	F	9000	...	...	790	377
149	" —Putney ...	1879	1880	F	5000	2200	...	560	130
150	" —Regent Square ...	1822	1879	F	2000	1524	...	320	165
151	" —Richmond ...	1877	1869	F	15000	...	...	998	971
152	" —St. John's Wood ...	1853	1878	F	1400	...	...	158	130
153	" —Silvertown ...	1883	1880	F	9000	...	...	850	836
154	" —Somers Town... ..	1873	1883	F	1000	...	...	202	121
155	" —South Kensington ...	1872	1876	L 46	10100	...	...	1000	469
156	" —Southwark ...	1845	1873	F	7800	3200	...	800	387
157	" —Stepney ...	1844	1846	L 19	2000	...	...	800	108
158	" —Stoke Newington ...	1880	1881	L 30	3000	b100	...	850	186
159	" —Stratford ...	1863	1883	...	...	...	...	...	51
160	" —Streatham ...	1875	1877	F	7500	1500	...	810	288
161	" —Tooting ...	1881	1881	F	4800	840	...	389	189
162	" —Tottenham ...	1863	1881	F	1600	...	300	500	140
	Carried forward ...		1864	F	3400	...	775	450	224
					254220	41098	4625	32086	14553

(a) Inclusive of £600 insured on Manse.

(*) Estimate.

(†) Inclusive of £100 on Lecture Hall.

(d) No return.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MAR- RAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.									
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. admitted 1st Time.	No. received by Certificate	No. removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	No.		
							1883.	1882.													
32	20	38	72	80	54	86	1078	1083	49	43	15	35	135	141	1569	32	110	238			
3	...	16	22	8	12	5	192	196	2	19	3	...	34	17	148	...	16	60	113		
...	...	...	4	6	...	...	31	21	...	4	...	3	...	9	90	73	...	...	114
4	3	...	4	5	...	5	100	167	2	6	5	...	4	13	118	...	...	6	115
4	...	6	4	...	...	2	37	35	2	3	2	...	...	7	72	...	...	...	116
2	...	...	...	...	...	3	20	23	...	3	1	...	...	4	50	47	...	...	117
2	...	...	1	3	2	5	36	39	...	4	2	5	...	9	38	...	...	...	118
7	...	7	12	15	7	4	131	115	3	18	...	13	30	24	177	...	22	26	119		
7	...	6	29	34	7	14	250	208	1	8	5	28	25	36	321	...	...	107	120
5	2	...	6	...	7	6	64	71	1	3	...	4	27	13	186	...	6	11	121		
3	7	...	4	42	27	34	283	278	2	11	3	8	100	35	311	...	63	83	122		
...	...	8	28	14	2	12	101	93	...	5	...	...	...	20	150	...	...	...	123
5	...	1	1	8	...	11	51	50	...	3	...	...	...	7	80	...	...	...	124
1	...	5	1	16	...	12	71	66	1	5	...	...	...	10	96	...	...	...	125
8	7	...	41	35	8	23	266	221	3	6	2	24	50	24	383	...	57	110	126		
7	8	...	19	29	12	9	400	373	4	11	5	9	36	41	539	...	80	...	127		
5	7	...	50	25	8	27	267	227	3	10	2	3	40	63	497	...	48	...	128		
4	...	12	7	14	6	10	153	148	...	3	...	...	30	38	482	...	30	40	129
18	...	12	65	82	50	20	1016	939	6	37	9	12	182	87	1073	...	83	...	130		
2	2	10	4	11	9	16	132	142	2	10	3	7	24	23	231	...	...	30	131
9	...	9	15	62	23	3	210	149	1	12	...	...	20	22	183	...	52	54	132
1	...	7	6	2	4	8	80	85	...	2	1	4	14	8	106	...	...	...	133
5	5	...	1	22	4	16	163	160	6	...	4	10	...	15	157	...	30	10	134		
6	...	17	...	28	9	1	203	212	...	7	1	...	22	15	140	...	...	...	135
7	7	...	...	...	11	...	226	265	...	6	...	6	20	29	294	...	...	40	136
5	...	12	21	12	7	15	183	163	1	8	2	16	30	9	117	...	27	12	137		
10	8	...	13	23	14	18	232	228	2	5	2	7	30	16	122	...	31	202	138		
13	...	12	34	39	21	45	534	527	6	29	9	27	75	74	1237	...	46	78	139		
11	20	3	...	...	...	...	532	507	5	27	...	...	50	63	733	...	56	52	140
7	6	...	34	36	8	11	185	134	5	6	3	7	32	16	161	...	...	57	141
4	...	...	86	8	5	25	160	96	...	12	1	28	25	23	376	...	25	32	142
6	2	...	4	4	2	12	96	103	...	4	...	...	13	13	123	...	22	...	143
17	16	...	71	65	54	97	819	890	5	22	6	7	20	95	1109	...	42	25	144		
5	6	...	4	6	5	2	124	136	...	5	2	3	...	25	398	...	...	30	145
4	...	8	1	18	15	1	77	74	1	2	1	5	19	14	147	...	20	12	146		
9	8	...	18	11	17	25	237	237	...	...	...	8	20	55	809	...	17	35	147
5	...	12	...	10	9	42	128	169	3	1	...	...	...	26	255	...	...	...	148
...	...	6	7	5	12	10	70	80	...	4	...	...	18	...	...	...	21	23	149
24	15	...	37	47	52	39	781	788	8	30	7	23	60	177	2603	...	76	58	150		
4	6	...	3	10	14	1	94	96	1	3	1	...	20	...	...	...	...	18	151
12	...	11	70	80	15	71	685	621	4	15	7	24	34	67	760	...	50	74	152		
...	...	13	...	77	...	...	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	70	...	...	...	153
...	...	46	187	16	93	49	761	700	10	55	8	26	...	...	...	...	120	73	154
2	...	16	...	...	...	...	271	260	...	...	...	...	...	17	150	...	...	40	155
3	...	3	...	3	...	...	112	181	1	6	...	...	...	15	136	...	...	...	156
9	8	...	10	6	8	2	220	214	3	7	2	...	23	23	274	...	29	...	157		
...	...	7	4	28	3	1	56	26	...	5	1	...	...	15	127	...	...	12	158
5	...	15	28	25	5	1	312	265	5	16	1	...	14	29	280	...	...	...	159
4	...	5	12	24	2	10	135	111	...	6	3	12	30	22	187	...	32	45	160		
1	...	...	2	4	...	1	55	55	...	1	1	...	10	4	65	...	...	...	161
6	5	...	13	14	8	13	156	150	6	25	3	6	20	45	521	80	44	9	162		
313	168	323	1055	1112	631	823	12653	12177	154	533	123	370	1336	1566	18251	232	1255	1702			

(b) On Organ.

(c) Church not completed, figures for last year inserted.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.										
No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sitings Church Seated for.	Number of Sitings let.	
						Church.	Manse.			
	Brought forward	...	...		£	£	£	
163	London—Upper Norwood	1874	1874	L 84	8000	800	...	32086	14553	
164	" — Victoria Docks	1874	1881	L 88	3500	...	...	546	280	
165	" — Wandsworth..	1872	1877	F	5000	...	...	420	161	
166	" — Westbourne Grove	1861	1871	F	7300	...	...	650	193	
167	" — Whitefield—St. Giles'	1873	1873	vacant	L 22	1000	...	d ...	d ...	
168	" — Willesden	1875	1875	L 90	4500	...	...	700	50	
169	" — Wood Green	1875	1879	F	7300	*1080	...	375	340	
170	" — Woolwich New Road	1839	1839	F	5000	600	...	500	300	
171	" — " St. Andrew's	1861	1880	L 90	4000	...	...	1100	289	
172	Norwich...	1867	1881	F	5800	...	1100	430	302	
173	Portsmouth	1859	1876	L 999	5000	3023	...	650	257	
174	Rangoon	1881	1881	F	835	...	500	520	197	
175	Reading	1876	1876	F	4000	3000	...	350	free	
176	St. Leonard's-on-Sea	1882	1882	F	6000	6600	...	540	d ...	
177	" — Silverhill...	1853	1877	F	1800	...	...	550	152	
178	Singapore	...	1883	F	...	...	...	245	112	
179	Southampton—St. Andrew's	1849	1880	F	4000	...	...	165	78	
180	" — Totton	1876	1876	F	500	200	...	600	385	
181	" — Woolston	1874	1880	F	4000	465	...	200	82	
182	Wallington	1880	1880	F	...	...	...	360	166	
	Three Preaching Stations	...	...	...	500	...	...	250	free	
					332255	56866	6225	41637	17897	
MANCHESTER.										
183	Blackburn—Mount Street	1866	1874	L 925	1000	...	...	560	86	
184	" — St. George's	1809	1868	L 983	6000	...	...	1000	635	
185	Bolton	1840	1882	F	2000	...	...	500	300	
186	Bradford	1847	1878	F	3000	...	...	500	300	
187	Crewe	1845	1882	F	2500	...	...	380	151	
188	Leeds—Cavendish Road	1864	1876	F	5500	2400	...	600	291	
189	" — St. Columba	1853	1864	F	...	...	...	650	58	
190	Manchester—Ancoats	1839	1883	F	2000	...	...	400	b 300	
191	" — Bowdon	1868	1869	L 999	5000	...	...	644	355	
192	" — Brunswick Street	1798	1861	F	6000	...	...	650	537	
193	" — Coupland Street	1849	1863	P	3400	...	...	200	93	
194	" — Eccles	1877	1880	F	400	...	...	830	292	
195	" — Grosvenor Square	1836	1880	F	10800	...	...	650	174	
196	" — Higher Broughton	1874	1877	C	6000	...	...	370	245	
197	" — Longsight...	1871	1878	F	4000	300	...	450	179	
198	" — Pendleton...	1871	1883	L 99	2000	...	...	890	350	
199	" — St. Andrew's	1846	1872	F	4100	...	...	600	222	
200	" — Sale	1874	1874	F	5500	...	...	800	159	
201	" — Salford	1845	1873	C	5000	...	...	720	397	
202	" — Trinity	1845	1847	F	3500	...	...	350	100	
203	" — Whalley Range	1877	vacant	L 990	3000	570	...	565	398	
204	" — Withington	1867	1882	L	5000	...	...	
	Carried forward	...	...	...	86700	3270	...	12309	5622	

(a) Inclusive of £1,500 insured on Manse.

(*) Inclusive of £380 on Lecture Hall.

(b) No seat rents, 300 allocated.

(d) No return.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—*continued.*

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.		
							1883.	1882.												
313	168	323	1055	1112	631	823	12653	12177	154	533	123	370	1336	1566	18251	232	1255	1702		
4	...	17	5	24	8	16	176	171	5	6	2	4	20	3	45	...	...	36	163
5	...	7	5	38	6	19	160	142	3	12	2	...	9	21	458	...	...	34	164
7	4	...	8	27	21	11	200	197	...	5	3	6	28	15	249	...	33	...	165	
5	...	12	...	...	...	...	222	221	2	5	...	...	30	22	218	...	...	15	166
3	...	...	7	2	3	50	121	165	...	6	8	...	10	15	160	...	...	...	167
4	10	...	2	16	7	40	215	239	...	16	2	20	24	56	884	...	...	60	168
5	...	9	23	12	19	16	201	201	...	9	4	14	23	20	233	...	59	38	169	
5	6	...	9	11	6	4	212	211	9	31	4	9	31	33	405	153	34	83	170	
4	...	15	19	8	3	4	210	190	3	12	4	6	...	28	303	...	...	...	171
6	6	...	13	11	19	10	173	178	1	13	1	6	...	14	132	...	25	21	172	
8	7	...	1	4	3	38	116	152	2	8	1	...	...	19	115	...	...	...	173
1	...	6	1	9	13	9	68	75	7	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	174
2	...	5	26	2	10	3	167	154	4	11	...	20	35	22	304	...	26	25	175	
...	...	5	12	33	3	5	107	71	...	4	...	2	20	12	81	...	...	25	176
3	...	8	19	6	1	6	85	67	...	1	...	16	...	17	160	...	...	...	177
8	...	7	2	7	11	1	77	80	4	10	1	...	...	4	29	...	...	...	178
7	7	...	12	23	6	34	235	240	6	21	4	15	60	38	456	...	...	30	179
3	...	6	2	...	2	1	28	29	...	4	...	5	...	5	65	...	...	11	180
3	...	11	2	4	4	21	86	109	7	20	3	16	5	14	162	...	...	12	181
3	...	6	10	11	21	7	98	88	...	5	2	3	17	25	181	...	...	17	182
1	...	14	8	3	3	3	78	114	...	1	...	...	...	28	205	...	...	...	...
400	208	451	1241	1363	800	1121	15688	15271	207	743	165	512	1648	1977	23096	385	1432	2109		
2	...	16	...	6	3	...	57	48	4	4	...	6	...	9	129	...	...	26	183
11	...	25	40	19	10	31	462	444	19	37	7	45	...	47	661	...	40	20	184	
7	...	11	9	18	22	3	289	281	7	30	3	...	...	23	220	...	35	11	185
7	...	14	8	14	17	8	223	226	...	5	6	...	30	24	361	...	...	43	186
1	...	6	30	4	5	9	116	96	3	7	5	8	13	19	231	817	...	26	187	
11	...	15	11	38	18	12	265	246	...	...	5	2	...	29	188	...	60	65	188
1	...	12	17	4	...	1	65	47	1	3	1	...	...	4	75	...	...	...	189
5	7	...	17	30	14	15	228	210	2	15	4	...	26	24	318	600	44	28	190	
4	...	8	8	5	10	3	123	123	1	6	...	7	12	8	73	...	...	8	191
8	...	15	31	16	18	39	285	295	2	11	9	12	95	48	475	100	...	15	192	
12	...	15	15	13	19	11	335	337	1	10	3	37	17	51	501	...	34	37	193	
3	...	9	14	7	7	14	90	90	...	7	...	5	...	9	81	...	32	...	194	
11	13	...	22	...	46	15	358	385	...	16	15	...	26	42	545	...	24	...	195	
4	5	...	14	7	4	...	101	84	2	3	...	12	...	16	108	...	30	22	196	
7	7	...	28	7	9	22	166	159	...	13	3	8	...	29	370	...	25	25	197	
5	...	12	5	21	15	...	148	139	...	5	...	30	...	26	351	...	39	41	198	
8	5	13	9	9	15	26	233	256	4	14	4	14	30	30	264	...	35	15	199	
3	...	18	14	8	11	5	141	135	3	11	1	37	21	26	174	...	...	86	200
6	11	...	1	25	12	7	205	198	3	19	2	16	6	33	341	562	31	22	201	
7	5	...	13	21	13	4	260	306	4	25	4	12	20	31	210	...	44	50	202	
1	...	1	1	19	22	...	69	99	...	...	...	...	...	9	100	...	...	10	203
9	9	...	22	22	19	14	239	228	3	17	4	...	35	23	240	...	44	77	204	
133	62	190	329	313	309	239	4458	4432	59	258	76	251	331	560	6016	2079	517	627		

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.										
No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.	
						Church.	Manse.			
					£	£	£			
	Brought forward ...				86700	3270	...	12309	5622	
205	Preston ...	1877	1877	F	500	...	...	250	175	
206	Ramsbottom ...	1817	1874	L 999	4000	200	...	600	200	
207	Risley ...	1662	vacant	F	...	...	...	120	7	
208	Rochdale ...	1866	vacant	L 987	3000	...	...	800	free	
209	Sheffield ...	1854	1854	L 800	4000	...	...	470	310	
210	Warrington ...	1855	1877	L 923	3000	...	...	450	127	
211	Wharton ...	1662	1862	F	1500	...	...	300	235	
212	Wigan ...	1869	1881	F	4000	2100	...	620	176	
	Presbyterial Mission & Preaching Stations	...	...	...	...	...	...	150	...	
					106700	5570	...	16069	6852	
NEWCASTLE.										
213	Bellingham ...	1806	1871	F	1400	...	...	250	180	
214	Blackhill ...	1857	1869	F	2500	...	...	350	188	
215	Blyth—Bridge Street ...	1827	1861	P	500	...	...	450	140	
216	" —Waterloo Road ...	1779	1861	F	4000	800	...	550	220	
217	Durham ...	1872	1880	F	3000	...	...	380	153	
218	Falstone ...	1709	1882	F	500	...	...	270	228	
219	Gateshead—Durham Road ...	1869	1876	F	5000	2985	...	850	320	
220	" —Ellison Street ...	1786	1879	F	1000	...	...	450	285	
221	Gosforth ...	1877	1877	F	1200	...	...	280	129	
222	Hebburn ...	1869	1882	L 80	7000	...	...	725	231	
223	Hexham ...	1830	1856	F	1600	185	...	360	free	
224	Houghton-le-Spring ...	1825	1869	F	3000	808	...	400	150	
225	Jarrow—Ellison Street ...	1852	1857	L 80	4800	...	...	920	500	
226	" —St. Kilda's ...	1857	1873	L 92	2000	...	...	312	53	
227	Killingworth ...	1869	1881	L	400	...	...	176	36	
228	Newcastle—Barras Bridge ...	1744	¹⁸³⁴ 1876	F	4000	1000	...	700	591	
229	" —Blackett Street ...	1743	1862	F	5000	*39	...	650	640	
230	" —Erskine ...	1853	1857	F	1000	250	...	365	158	
231	" —Heaton ...	1877	1878	F	800	330	...	194	128	
232	" —John Knox ...	1698	1882	F	4175	...	...	616	452	
233	" —St. George's ...	1851	1854	F	2900	500	...	610	285	
234	" —Trinity ...	1765	1875	F	4000	...	...	776	785	
235	" —Westmoreland Road ...	1801	1872	F	4000	750	...	750	480	
236	North Shields—Howard Street ...	1662	1873	F	2500	...	...	600	430	
237	" —Northumberland Square ...	1780	1882	F	3000	400	...	660	523	
238	Seaham ...	1881	1882	L 99	...	600	...	300	d...	
239	Seaton Burn ...	1873	1874	L 66	800	...	...	250	80	
240	Seaton Delaval ...	1845	1857	F	1000	...	...	400	212	
241	South Shields—Laygate ...	1849	1862	F	3550	...	...	500	free	
242	" —Mile End Road ...	1778	1867	F	2000	...	...	520	200	
243	" —St. John's ...	1728	1870	F	4000	...	...	630	338	
	Carried forward ...				80625	8647	...	15244	8115	

* Debt paid off subject to an annuity of £30 and another of £9.

(d) No return.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRI- AGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed. &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Doreas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1883.	1882.											
133	62	190	329	313	309	239	4458	4432	59	258	76	251	331	560	6016	2079	517	627	
6	...	20	26	10	11	14	201	190	5	10	4	12	...	20	262	...	...	28	205
4	1	3	10	1	1	44	125	159	5	18	4	...	25	12	180	...	...	...	206
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	11	13	...	2	1	...	...	3	29	126	...	...	207
5	...	16	2	2	6	2	102	116	...	...	...	...	12	27	297	...	...	...	208
3	...	9	20	18	21	23	218	223	3	11	3	6	20	23	255	...	47	13	209
3	...	8	3	4	1	9	73	76	...	8	1	5	...	16	165	...	...	10	210
4	...	14	10	...	...	4	77	71	4	8	...	4	...	22	220	252	26	...	211
7	5	...	14	9	6	10	141	134	3	12	3	2	...	19	425	260	18	40	212
...	...	...	5	...	...	1	93	22	...	2	...	...	...	10	138	...	...	...
165	68	260	419	357	355	347	5499	5436	79	329	92	280	388	712	7987	2717	608	718	
7	...	10	3	7	2	3	155	150	2	11	3	...	...	6	50	...	...	...	213
4	...	13	6	7	22	1	161	171	2	11	1	...	...	15	170	...	...	32	214
5	...	9	1	...	2	...	96	100	5	6	...	...	...	20	120	...	...	...	215
5	...	6	10	2	9	10	204	211	9	6	4	15	25	28	262	...	...	40	216
9	...	12	9	25	13	7	157	143	4	12	1	...	...	13	114	...	30	20	217
9	...	11	7	9	5	2	154	172	...	11	2	...	...	5	42	166	...	9	218
9	...	15	9	32	15	28	368	370	7	23	4	19	...	26	283	...	...	48	219
7	8	...	28	27	6	26	351	319	2	20	6	7	...	34	391	...	24	22	220
3	...	11	11	18	4	12	73	60	...	7	2	...	...	10	102	...	...	...	221
4	13	...	24	29	16	9	243	215	4	22	2	10	...	29	296	...	12	...	222
6	...	12	8	6	6	10	174	178	3	9	6	...	...	15	108	...	...	18	223
7	...	13	10	5	8	5	130	128	3	10	5	...	...	14	109	...	...	10	224
15	...	12	22	33	25	40	514	524	...	48	9	...	...	54	656	...	61	45	225
...	...	9	6	5	8	10	90	97	1	14	2	...	...	9	80	...	...	16	226
4	1	4	2	10	2	...	54	44	...	5	...	...	...	7	64	...	...	...	227
8	...	11	10	47	20	19	441	423	8	30	6	7	16	50	427	...	60	60	228
13	...	22	25	40	39	56	597	627	...	18	12	12	16	67	607	...	34	40	229
9	...	19	17	25	8	17	200	203	1	13	3	7	...	26	312	...	...	16	230
3	...	9	8	24	6	16	126	116	...	13	4	...	...	18	179	...	...	6	231
13	13	...	4	38	21	11	527	510	7	15	7	22	20	52	354	...	54	127	232
10	...	15	9	16	...	22	327	330	3	16	4	...	...	18	132	...	25	...	233
18	20	...	80	67	29	64	822	768	6	56	9	32	27	79	752	...	50	100	234
18	...	22	18	50	9	46	519	506	...	28	...	1	25	38	340	...	20	25	235
8	12	...	11	26	17	22	362	364	6	19	7	9	30	29	280	331	30	14	236
11	...	12	13	23	17	17	323	321	4	10	3	1	20	22	257	...	25	38	237
4	...	6	4	10	4	4	75	69	...	6	...	8	...	10	96	...	30	14	238
5	...	9	8	9	11	5	105	104	...	3	...	...	...	11	168	...	...	24	239
6	7	...	4	2	...	1	119	115	...	8	1	...	...	9	52	180	...	...	240
11	12	...	16	11	9	20	378	380	6	19	11	1	86	50	626	...	73	37	241
7	...	15	7	13	19	4	222	225	6	9	4	9	24	21	320	...	15	25	242
9	11	...	19	10	7	32	318	328	8	14	11	...	14	36	420	...	...	29	243
247	97	277	409	626	359	519	8385	8271	97	492	129	160	303	821	8169	677	543	815	

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of sittings Church Seated for.	Number of sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
					£	£	£		
	Brought forward ...				80625	8647	...	15244	8115
244	South Shields—St. Paul's ...	1809	vacant	F	2300	...	...	550	215
245	Stamfordham ...	1662	1847	L	500	...	...	250	free
246	Sunderland—North Bridge Street ...	1778	1878	F	1600	...	...	438	232
247	„ —St. George's ...	1711	1875	C	3000	...	...	650	575
248	„ —St. Stephen's ...	1827	1880	P	2000	350	...	450	151
249	„ —Smyrna ...	1765	1835	C	1600	...	...	500	260
250	„ —Trinity ...	1821	1876	L	4000	...	...	750	550
251	Swalwell ...	1733	1881	F	1000	...	...	250	e...
252	Walker ...	1842	1883	L 57	a4800	...	...	450	194
253	Wallsend ...	1846	1879	L900	400	...	...	280	230
254	Wark ...	1842	1880	F	1800	...	...	160	109
255	Willington Quay ...	1877	1877	L 57	1800	10	...	354	160
					105425	9007	...	20326	10791
	NORTHUMBERLAND.								
256	Alnwick—Clayport Street ...	1753	1852	F	1600	...	...	600	260
257	„ —Lisburn Street ...	1837	1843	F	1000	...	...	380	146
258	„ —St. James's ...	1669	1880	F	1600	...	...	450	395
259	Bavington ...	1725	1853	F	...	...	...	230	130
260	Bedlington ...	1843	1845	bF	650	...	...	178	120
261	BirdhoepeCraig ...	1690	1875	L 41	c 500	...	...	450	166
262	Branton ...	1730	1842	F	1050	...	...	500	290
263	Embleton ...	1833	1880	L 11	...	...	...	340	200
264	Felton ...	1819	1881	L 31	500	...	100	300	160
265	Glantou ...	1783	1865	F	1150	...	...	430	334
266	Harbottle ...	1756	1871	L 999	400	...	...	450	230
267	Longframlington... ..	1739	1862	F	...	...	...	200	58
268	Morpeth ...	1700	1883	F	3550	...	...	850	450
269	Newbiggin ...	1863	1870	...	...	...	...	300	56
270	North Middleton ...	1817	1872	L 930	...	...	...	240	108
271	North Sunderland ...	1808	1870	C	600	...	...	360	202
272	Otterburn ...	1831	1872	F	600	...	...	250	117
273	Thropton ...	1799	1849	F	400	...	...	300	149
274	Warenford ...	1751	1867	P	...	...	...	350	179
275	Warkworth ...	1826	1871	F	800	...	...	300	190
276	Widdrington ...	1765	1845	F	750	...	...	300	155
277	Wooler—Cheviot Street ...	1700	vacant	{ yrly tnre }	1000	...	...	820	293
278	„ —Tower Hill ...	1737	1880		1400	...	...	420	140
279	„ —West Chapel... ..	1842	1843		...	...	...	560	254
					17550	...	100	9558	4782

(a) Inclusive of £1,400 insured on Manse.

(b) Manse copyhold.

(c) On Manse.

(d) Manse Freehold.

(e) No return.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—*continued.*

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1883.	1882.											
247	97	277	409	626	359	519	8385	8271	97	492	129	160	303	821	8169	677	543	815	
6	...	12	9	19	11	20	260	263	6	18	...	12	...	31	383	...	30	20	244
3	...	6	...	2	...	4	80	81	...	9	2	...	...	2	14	...	...	...	245
7	7	...	2	6	4	10	182	188	...	7	4	...	...	25	254	...	...	12	246
11	12	...	23	39	34	23	505	500	6	22	10	40	30	66	849	...	...	50	247
10	...	10	21	11	2	12	151	133	4	17	5	...	14	17	231	...	...	26	248
7	...	16	20	14	14	16	237	233	2	19	8	...	...	18	160	...	20	27	249
14	...	15	15	36	8	17	392	366	6	19	7	10	24	37	588	...	20	...	250
4	...	11	16	14	15	16	239	240	1	16	4	6	...	12	120	...	...	10	251
5	...	10	13	24	6	7	218	194	2	19	5	8	...	33	788	...	...	15	252
8	...	20	14	39	9	20	200	176	...	17	2	10	20	18	235	...	30	10	253
4	...	4	...	3	7	1	73	78	...	4	1	...	...	3	30	...	...	11	254
5	...	14	7	21	11	5	140	128	1	10	...	2	...	24	232	...	10	30	255
331	116	395	549	854	480	670	11062	10851	125	669	177	248	391	1107	12053	677	653	1026	
8	...	9	4	17	12	7	224	222	2	8	4	...	...	14	100	...	...	30	256
7	...	12	2	5	8	12	140	153	2	6	2	4	...	13	110	...	...	18	257
12	...	12	21	44	51	8	355	349	6	23	2	6	...	18	206	...	...	36	258
7	...	5	6	1	3	2	98	96	...	6	2	...	...	3	31	34	...	12	259
3	...	10	...	11	2	2	132	130	...	5	2	...	...	14	146	...	...	...	260
6	...	6	3	2	...	3	109	107	...	8	3	6	...	3	74	...	...	14	261
5	6	...	10	...	...	...	238	230	...	...	...	...	...	8	130	60	...	15	262
5	...	3	11	24	31	16	195	210	1	12	4	8	...	6	65	...	...	21	263
3	...	8	8	24	19	5	144	136	1	10	...	...	...	10	86	...	...	...	264
3	5	...	10	26	22	9	242	237	3	16	7	10	...	10	83	...	...	12	265
5	...	7	18	21	20	7	200	188	...	11	4	...	...	5	38	...	...	16	266
3	...	7	3	4	8	1	61	63	...	6	1	3	...	9	110	...	...	8	267
10	9	...	3	10	18	4	291	300	2	15	4	11	...	34	412	216	40	42	268
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	269
4	7	...	3	3	8	4	80	86	...	4	...	...	...	3	22	...	...	...	270
12	...	17	5	79	34	9	219	275	...	12	2	18	...	6	50	...	...	...	271
5	...	12	8	2	2	8	117	117	1	6	3	...	...	5	38	...	...	12	272
3	...	2	6	5	3	2	141	135	...	6	...	...	...	5	44	...	...	...	273
7	6	...	2	26	43	6	166	187	2	6	2	15	...	4	41	...	...	...	274
4	...	10	6	30	15	6	205	190	1	14	6	...	...	6	40	...	...	20	275
3	5	...	9	...	...	5	165	160	3	13	5	...	...	7	80	65	...	...	276
7	...	10	6	15	21	..	291	346	...	14	...	...	...	8	58	...	...	...	277
4	...	14	3	9	19	1	142	150	...	6	1	...	...	5	35	...	...	...	278
3	8	11	9	22	15	7	214	210	3	17	7	...	...	7	77	150	...	...	279
129	46	155	156	380	354	124	4222	4357	27	224	61	81	...	203	2076	525	40	256	

SUMMARY.—I. CONGREGATIONAL.

PRESBYTERIES.	CHURCHES.			OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.									
	Number of Congregations.	Amount Insured.	Debt.	Number of Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings Let.	Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificates.	No. Removed by Certificates.	Number Lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
													Church.	Manse.											1883.	1882.
Berwick ...	16	19050	£ 500	7634	3931	103	29	94	168	449	400	95	4087	3935	25	225	75	83	70	159	1613	286	77	268	
Birmingham ...	15	42016	4665	7234	1832	64	5	152	154	141	89	83	1719	1577	26	118	26	105	209	321	3298	...	220	231	
Bristol ...	8	31320	2470	500	5483	2256	40	7	79	106	108	76	69	1334	1279	28	68	24	61	240	183	2088	...	145	179
Carlisle ...	13	14400	...	424	4596	2064	63	16	108	112	125	137	147	1872	1927	18	187	38	68	75	285	2614	45	108	199
Darlington ...	20	49800	11402	1593	9692	2468	102	58	141	227	234	154	131	3040	2882	28	163	36	140	116	452	4903	...	135	190
Liverpool ...	31	154380	5845	550	20877	10476	218	50	341	575	680	459	821	9900	9887	102	498	147	402	862	1299	15102	2225	803	1270
London ...	79	332255	56866	6225	41637	17897	400	208	451	1241	1363	800	1121	15688	15271	207	743	165	512	1648	1977	23096	385	1432	2109
Manchester ...	30	106700	5570	...	16069	6852	165	68	260	419	357	355	347	5499	5436	79	329	92	280	388	712	7987	2717	608	718
Newcastle ...	43	105425	9007	...	20326	10791	331	116	395	549	854	480	670	11062	10851	125	669	177	248	391	1107	12053	677	653	1026
Northumberland	24	17550	...	100	9558	4782	129	46	155	156	380	354	124	4222	4357	27	224	61	81	...	203	2076	525	40	256
	279	872896	96325	10772	143106	63349	1615	603	2176	3707	4691	3304	3608	58423	57402	665	3224	841	1980	3999	6698	74830	6860	4221	6446

TABLES
OF
GENERAL STATISTICS.

PART II.
FINANCIAL.

PART II.—

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.				
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.	Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.							
	PRESBYTERIES.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	BERWICK.											
1	Ancroft Moor ...	46	10	29	...	85	150	235	* 155	80 0 0	1 9 0	...
2	Beaumont ...	95	12	38	...	145	167	312	* 200	136 14 11	2 17 9	...
3	Belford—Columba ...	61	12	34	..	107	...	107	} 200 {	90 0 0	1 16 10	...
4	„ —Erskine ...	80	6	51	1	138	...	138		97 0 0	2 16 7	...
5	Berwick—Bank Hill ...	85	20	119	5	229	...	229	*200	200 0 0	3 13 0	...
6	„ —Church Street...	Free	...	298	47	345	...	345	200	...	4 8 3	...
7	„ —Wallace Green ..	468	...	290	595	1353	126	1479	*450	83 4 7	15 5 0	83 4 7
8	Chatton ...	93	20	62	...	175	...	175	*200	160 0 0	3 5 6	...
9	Crookham ...	73	14	16	...	103	22	125	*177	94 12 0	2 7 3	...
10	Etal... ..	79	16	29	3	127	24	151	*185	110 0 0	2 8 6	...
11	Horncliffe ...	59	9	52	...	120	...	120	†*200	105 0 0	2 6 3	...
12	Lowick ...	78	31	25	4	138	...	138	*200	115 0 0	2 14 6	...
13	Norham—North Church...	68	18	40	...	126	5	131	*200	108 0 0	2 6 1	...
14	„ —South Church ...	54	9	69	5	137	...	137	*200	105 0 0	1 18 7	...
15	Spittal ...	132	...	146	21	299	61	360	*200	...	3 18 4	...
16	Tweedmouth ...	63	8	21	...	92	...	92	*200	66 2 10	2 5 3	...
	One Preaching Station ...	...	...	108	...	108	...	108	80	...	...	...
		1534	185	1427	681	3827	555	4382	3247	1550 14 4	55 16 8	83 4 7
	BIRMINGHAM.											
17	Birmingham—Broad Street	88	73	113	109	383	31	414	200	205 0 0	3 15 0	5 0 0
18	„ —Camphill ...	128	67	269	57	521	...	521	350	215 0 0	5 8 0	15 0 0
19	„ —NewJohn St.	55	55	87	18	215	29	244	200	147 6 6	2 3 0	...
20	„ —Smethwick..	...	13	127	7	147	...	147	200	109 19 10	2 3 0	...
21	Burton-on-Trent ...	61	...	187	33	281	257	538	200	...	2 13 0	...
22	Derby ...	65	49	148	5	267	77	344	200	150 0 0	3 18 0	...
23	Dudley ...	45	23	164	11	243	10	253	200	160 0 0	2 3 0	...
24	Hanley ...	53	19	108	30	210	60	270	†*200	175 0 0	2 13 0	...
25	Leicester ...	90	...	74	6	170	190	360	200	...	2 13 0	...
26	Nottingham ...	190	128	208	276	802	70	872	350	210 0 0	3 15 0	10 0 0
27	Shrewsbury ...	23	79	49	7	158	...	158	200	125 0 0	2 3 0	...
28	Stafford ...	51	24	165	...	240	...	240	200	180 0 0	2 13 0	...
29	Walsall ...	73	...	215	21	309	150	459	230	...	2 3 0	...
30	Wolverhampton ...	148	31	358	44	581	...	581	*300	205 0 0	4 17 0	5 0 0
31	Worcester ...	87	19	128	26	260	55	315	200	155 0 0	2 3 0	...
		1157	580	2400	650	4787	929	5716	3430	2037 6 4	45 3 0	35 0 0
	BRISTOL.											
32	Aberdare ...	18	40	209	1	267	...	267	200	125 0 0	2 2 0	...
33	Bristol ...	275	...	307	185	767	...	767	400	16 0 0	5 18 0	16 0 0
34	Cardiff ...	262	70	200	122	654	962	1616	†*350	250 0 0	5 18 0	50 0 0
35	Cheltenham ...	Free	...	449	117	566	...	566	*350	235 0 0	5 18 0	35 0 0
36	Gloucester ...	90	69	233	17	409	...	409	250	205 0 0	4 4 0	5 0 0
37	Plymouth ...	120	10	156	50	336	...	336	395	210 0 0	4 4 0	10 0 0
38	Swansea ...	135	69	667	43	914	300	1214	500	150 0 0	5 18 0	...
39	Torquay ...	225	200	256	188	869	13	882	*450	250 0 0	5 18 0	50 0 0
	One Preaching Station ...	...	...	49	...	49	47	96	vacant	...	...	...
		1125	458	2526	722	4831	1322	6153	2895	1441 0 0	40 0 0	166 0 0

* Manse.

† Minister pays interest.

† With rent charged £30.

FINANCIAL.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.

GRAND TOTAL.

Thanksgiving Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		1883.	1882.	GRAND TOTAL.		No.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
...	0 10 0	1 7 11	0 8 0	0 5 6	0 12 0	0 7 6	3 10 11	3 14 9	238 10 11	95 14 5	1		1
...	...	1 18 1	0 16 2	...	...	...	2 14 3	...	314 14 3	134 0 0	2		2
...	10 6	1 13 11	...	...	...	...	2 4 5	3 19 7	109 4 5	120 19 7	3		3
...	10 6	2 16 2	0 14 2	...	...	...	4 0 10	5 16 5	142 0 10	171 16 6	4		4
...	...	13 12 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	15 12 0	19 12 1	244 12 0	261 12 1	5		5
...	...	...	1 3 6	1 10 0	...	1 11 0	4 4 6	5 19 3	349 4 6	329 19 3	6		6
...	30 0 0	146 2 5	6 0 0	7 0 0	18 9 2	9 7 7	300 3 9	264 9 10	1779 3 9	1606 9 10	7		7
...	1 0 0	1 10 0	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	...	4 10 0	4 0 0	179 10 0	179 0 0	8		8
...	0 7 6	2 3 3	0 13 6	0 7 9	0 3 1	0 6 8	4 1 9	4 5 5	129 1 9	114 5 5	9		9
...	...	2 0 5	...	...	...	...	2 0 5	0 13 1	153 0 5	162 13 1	10		10
...	...	0 14 8	0 5 5	...	...	0 12 3	1 12 4	1 5 0	121 12 4	124 5 0	11		11
...	0 12 1	0 12 0	...	...	...	...	1 4 1	2 17 2	139 4 1	134 17 2	12		12
...	...	3 0 1	...	...	...	...	3 0 1	5 5 4	134 0 1	119 5 4	13		13
...	1 0 0	2 7 10	1 0 0	1 0 0	5 7 10	7 12 0	142 7 10	141 12 0	14		14
...	1 0 0	8 0 0	1 0 0	...	1 5 0	...	11 5 0	16 12 0	371 5 0	294 12 0	15		15
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...	108 0 0	109 0 0			
...	35 10 7	188 6 5	14 0 9	10 3 3	22 1 3	12 19 0	366 13 10	347 11 1	4748 13 10	4226 11 1	1		1
...	2 3 0	23 3 4	1 10 0	...	1 0 0	...	32 16 4	28 4 3	446 16 4	471 4 3	17		17
...	10 15 1	28 8 2	5 7 7	5 7 5	...	...	64 18 3	57 15 0	585 18 3	616 15 0	18		18
...	0 10 6	16 17 8	0 12 6	0 10 6	0 15 0	1 1 6	20 7 8	22 5 10	264 7 8	252 5 10	19		19
...	0 15 10	4 17 11	...	...	0 9 0	...	6 2 9	5 7 0	153 2 9	154 7 0	20		20
...	1 4 0	3 14 11	...	...	...	...	4 18 11	3 2 0	542 18 11	280 2 0	21		21
...	...	6 0 0	...	...	...	...	6 0 0	9 10 0	350 0 0	470 10 0	22		22
...	...	7 10 0	...	...	...	...	7 10 0	2 19 0	260 10 0	260 19 0	23		23
...	1 0 0	10 2 0	0 10 0	...	0 10 0	...	12 2 0	30 4 0	282 2 0	287 4 0	24		24
...	1 10 0	3 3 6	...	...	...	...	4 13 6	...	364 13 6	316 0 0	25		25
...	3 10 0	43 13 11	2 1 6	...	2 1 6	...	61 6 11	56 8 6	933 6 11	649 8 6	26		26
...	1 0 0	5 16 0	0 15 0	0 8 4	...	...	7 19 4	11 17 8	165 19 4	178 17 8	27		27
...	...	19 15 10	...	...	0 10 6	...	20 6 4	...	260 6 4	246 0 0	28		28
...	2 10 0	6 12 6	...	...	...	...	9 2 6	3 10 0	468 2 6	313 10 0	29		29
...	2 0 0	7 11 5	2 0 0	...	...	...	16 11 5	9 8 0	597 11 5	753 8 0	30		30
...	...	11 13 8	...	...	...	...	11 13 8	13 7 1	326 13 8	233 7 1	31		31
...	26 18 5	199 0 10	12 16 7	6 6 3	5 6 0	1 1 6	286 9 7	253 18 4	6002 9 7	5483 18 4			
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	267 0 0	253 0 0	32		32
...	5 0 0	49 13 10	5 0 0	5 0 0	...	...	80 13 10	67 12 3	847 13 10	842 12 3	33		33
...	6 0 0	13 10 0	...	...	10 0 0	...	79 10 0	138 11 3	1695 10 0	883 11 3	34		34
...	1 8 0	30 2 1	7 13 1	...	10 1 6	...	84 4 8	99 1 9	650 4 8	692 1 9	35		35
...	4 2 9	28 8 8	1 3 0	...	3 10 6	...	42 4 11	38 13 10	461 4 11	467 13 10	36		36
...	...	2 13 11	...	...	...	...	12 13 11	23 1 6	348 13 11	347 1 6	37		37
...	18 6 0	...	1 3 0	...	...	...	19 9 0	36 6 7	1233 9 0	741 6 7	38		38
...	10 4 0	80 0 0	1 10 0	5 1 0	7 15 5	3 6 8	157 17 1	141 7 6	1039 17 1	1039 7 6	39		39
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96 0 0	...			
...	45 0 9	204 8 6	16 9 1	10 1 0	31 7 5	3 6 8	476 13 5	544 14 8	6629 13 5	5266 14 8			

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.			Synod Fund.			Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.		
		Income for Congregational Purposes			Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.										
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.														
	CARLISLE.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
40	Bewcastle ... ..	...	10	94	...	104	...	104	*150	100 0 0	1 3 2	...	...	...	...	...
41	Brampton	40	15	73	...	128	1	129	200	110 0 0	1 7 3	...	...	...	...	...
42	Carlisle—Fisher Street ...	178	...	262	183	623	299	922	*350	255 3 6	7 17 6	55 3 6	...	...	...	...
43	„ —Warwick Road...	Free	...	358	38	396	1	397	*236	221 0 0	5 4 10	21 0 0	...	...	...	...
44	Cleator Moor	59	28	107	4	198	...	198	200	165 0 0	2 4 4	...	...	...	...	...
45	Haltwhistle	3	21	76	...	100	...	100	*155	80 0 0	0 19 10	...	...	...	...	...
46	Harrington	104	...	123	6	233	...	233	212	...	2 3 4	...	...	...	...	...
47	Maryport—Crosby Street .	80	33	77	12	202	4	206	200	140 0 0	2 8 2	...	...	...	...	...
48	„ —John Street	50	30	66	6	152	...	152	185	120 0 0	1 11 11	...	...	...	...	...
49	Penrith	29	66	87	14	196	...	196	200	155 9 3	1 17 5	...	...	...	...	...
50	Whitehaven—High Street	27	20	41	...	88	...	88	200	67 15 0	1 19 2	...	...	...	...	...
51	„ —Market Place	137	...	163	30	330	11	341	*238	215 0 0	4 7 2	15 0 0	...	...	...	...
52	Workington	87	45	99	13	244	230	474	215	200 0 0	2 9 0	...	...	...	...	...
	One Preaching Station ...	...	...	66	...	66	...	66	96	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		794	268	1692	306	3060	546	3606	2837	1829 7 9	35 13 1	91 3 6	...	...	...	...
	DARLINGTON.																	
53	Bishop Auckland ... ..	...	131	62	18	211	432	643	*200	165 0 0	2 12 0	...	...	...	...	...
54	Crook ... ..	...	64	66	...	130	21	151	*200	120 0 0	2 0 0	...	...	...	...	...
55	Darlington... ..	43	15	301	93	452	52	504	300	200 0 0	4 13 6	...	...	...	...	...
56	Grimsby	54	31	152	13	250	18	268	200	152 10 0	2 4 0	...	...	...	...	...
57	Harrogate	23	17	256	...	296	90	386	300	150 0 0	1 18 6	...	...	...	...	...
58	Hartlepool	64	45	121	...	230	2925	3155	200	155 0 0	2 17 0	...	...	...	...	...
59	Hull—Holderness Road ...	Free	39	254	35	328	49	377	200	200 0 0	4 3 6	...	...	...	...	...
60	„ —Prospect Street ...	Free	...	310	170	480	308	788	*none	21 8 9	9 11 0	21 8 9	...	...	...	...
61	„ —Spring Bank	Free	68	200	6	274	39	313	*200	120 0 0	3 0 0	...	...	...	...	...
62	Middlesbro'—Newport Rd.	60	57	144	2	263	151	414	*200	175 0 0	2 16 6	...	...	...	...	...
63	„ —Trinity	100	49	163	7	319	3	322	250	200 0 0	3 2 0	...	...	...	...	...
64	Mount Pleasant	42	28	101	13	184	14	198	*200	130 0 0	2 4 0	...	...	...	...	...
65	Redcar	57	28	141	...	226	...	226	200	156 1 8	2 2 6	...	...	...	...	...
66	Scarborough ... ..	...	...	162	...	162	...	162	Vacant.	...	0 11 6	...	...	...	...	...
67	Stockton—St. Andrew's ...	135	123	121	55	434	132	566	*250	210 0 0	5 3 0	10 0 0	...	...	...	...
68	„ —St. George's	99	51	134	19	303	46	349	*205	150 0 0	3 9 0	...	...	...	...	...
69	Towlaw	Free	52	60	8	120	40	160	*180	100 0 6	1 1 0	...	...	...	...	...
70	West Hartlepool	97	30	191	11	329	1750	2079	200	141 8 11	3 8 0	...	...	...	...	...
71	Whitby	48	38	136	18	240	...	240	200	125 0 0	2 18 0	...	...	...	...	...
72	York	64	23	201	5	293	279	572	250	9 16 9	2 15 0	...	...	...	...	...
		886	889	3276	473	5524	6349	11873	3935	2681 6 7	62 10 0	31 8 9	...	...	...	...
	LIVERPOOL.																	
73	Barrow-in-Furness	217	...	166	36	419	832	1251	250	...	2 15 0	...	...	...	...	...
74	Birkenhead—Claughton ...	607	...	388	467	1462	...	1462	700	441 10 0	0 17 0	241 10 0	...	...	...	...
75	„ —Grange Road	409	...	330	319	1058	719	1777	600	77 11 6	11 15 0	77 11 6	...	...	...	...
76	„ —Hamilton	94	63	178	55	390	...	390	*205	200 0 0	1 17 6	...	...	...	...	...
77	„ —St. Andrew's	303	185	191	88	767	16	783	528	200 0 0	11 0 0	...	...	...	...	...
78	„ —St. Paul's	189	50	283	103	625	342	967	336	200 0 0	3 5 0	...	...	...	...	...
79	Chester	100	24	90	17	231	...	231	200	149 8 5	2 10 0	...	...	...	...	...
80	Douglas	100	23	154	22	299	...	299	*200	200 0 0	2 12 6	...	...	...	...	...
81	Egremont	332	...	455	647	1434	10	1444	500	260 18 0	11 10 0	60 18 0	...	...	...	...
	Carried forward ...	2351	345	2235	1754	6685	1919	8604	3519	1729 7 11	64 5 0	379 19 6	...	...	...	...

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.

Thanksgiving Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.		No.
							1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	
							£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
...	0 10 0	2 14 0	...	...	...	...	3 4 0	3 14 0	107 4 0	107 14 0	40
...	...	5 3 2	...	...	0 15 0	...	5 18 2	6 11 0	134 18 2	164 11 0	41
...	10 0 0	30 0 0	4 6 6	3 0 0	10 0 0	3 0 0	115 10 0	94 2 9	1037 10 0	1942 2 9	42
...	6 18 4	30 8 6	5 9 0	1 1 0	1 10 0	1 1 0	67 7 10	66 16 9	464 7 10	446 16 9	43
...	...	6 6 9	...	...	...	...	6 6 9	5 1 1	204 6 9	208 1 1	44
...	0 7 6	1 15 0	...	...	...	...	2 2 6	1 10 0	102 2 6	108 10 0	45
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	233 0 0	889 0 0	46
...	1 5 0	5 16 10	...	...	1 0 0	...	8 1 10	9 13 1	214 1 10	225 13 1	47
...	1 0 0	6 6 9	...	...	0 18 0	...	8 4 9	6 17 6	160 4 9	170 17 6	48
...	...	8 16 2	...	...	...	...	8 16 2	10 14 10	204 16 2	225 14 10	49
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 8 7	88 0 0	155 8 7	50
...	2 12 2	25 14 10	3 17 6	...	3 0 0	1 1 0	51 5 6	49 6 2	392 5 6	425 6 2	51
...	2 8 0	5 15 6	...	...	...	...	8 3 6	10 2 7	482 3 6	243 2 7	52
...	3 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	3 0 0	5 3 6	69 0 0	98 3 6	
...	28 1 0	128 17 6	13 13 0	4 1 0	17 3 0	5 2 0	288 1 0	272 1 10	3894 1 0	5411 1 10	
...	...	3 0 0	...	...	...	...	3 0 0	3013 13 9	646 0 0	3423 13 9	53
...	1 1 0	6 1 1	0 14 0	0 15 0	0 15 0	0 15 0	10 1 1	8 6 4	161 1 1	142 6 4	54
...	3 0 0	22 13 11	2 10 0	...	2 4 0	...	30 7 11	32 18 2	534 7 11	557 18 2	55
...	2 12 7	17 19 3	1 14 10	...	2 8 6	1 14 0	26 9 2	24 9 0	294 9 2	246 9 0	56
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 17 0	386 0 0	803 17 0	57
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 19 8	3155 0 0	2884 19 8	58
...	1 0 0	12 14 8	...	...	...	...	13 14 8	3 17 3	390 14 8	351 17 3	59
...	9 4 9	302 1 9	8 10 11	...	7 16 6	2 1 9	351 4 5	348 9 1	1139 4 5	1162 9 1	60
...	0 18 2	11 13 4	...	...	1 2 0	...	13 13 6	...	326 13 6	245 0 0	61
...	1 5 0	9 12 10	...	1 1 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	13 18 10	10 17 6	427 18 10	297 17 6	62
...	3 7 6	7 19 8	1 0 0	...	0 13 0	...	13 0 2	12 15 7	335 0 2	1353 15 7	63
...	1 10 0	8 16 1	1 1 3	...	...	...	11 7 4	9 3 2	209 7 4	419 3 2	64
...	...	1 9 9	...	...	2 12 8	...	4 2 5	2 3 0	230 2 5	234 3 0	65
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 6 7	162 0 0	183 6 7	66
...	3 5 0	9 6 8	2 10 0	...	2 12 6	...	27 14 2	29 4 9	593 14 2	494 4 9	67
...	3 3 2	1 6 10	...	...	...	...	4 10 0	3 18 4	353 10 0	810 18 4	68
...	...	2 0 8	...	...	0 18 7	...	2 19 3	0 11 2	162 19 3	145 11 2	69
...	2 0 0	4 14 0	...	...	2 0 0	...	8 14 0	8 17 0	2087 14 0	342 17 0	70
...	2 10 0	2 10 0	...	...	1 0 0	...	6 0 0	10 13 0	246 0 0	1452 13 0	71
...	1 10 0	6 7 6	1 15 0	...	...	...	9 12 6	13 9 0	581 12 6	535 9 0	72
...	36 7 2	430 8 0	19 16 0	1 16 0	25 2 9	5 10 9	550 9 5	3552 9 4	12423 9 5	16088 9 4	
...	2 0 0	18 12 0	2 0 0	2 0 0	...	...	24 12 0	33 18 8	1275 12 0	569 18 8	73
...	66 13 9	197 17 11	8 10 6	18 12 8	36 17 11	...	570 2 9	741 4 2	2032 2 9	3227 4 2	74
...	40 18 1	109 3 7	7 17 0	1 0 0	...	...	236 10 2	214 16 6	2013 10 2	1981 16 6	75
...	2 0 0	8 5 0	2 10 0	2 0 0	1 13 0	...	16 8 0	24 1 0	406 8 0	398 1 0	76
...	...	39 8 8	8 0 0	5 13 6	...	...	53 2 2	75 6 4	836 2 2	978 6 4	77
...	...	20 0 0	7 15 0	...	...	...	27 15 0	14 11 10	994 15 0	749 11 10	78
...	3 3 0	3 11 2	...	...	...	...	6 14 2	14 3 3	237 14 2	300 3 3	79
...	1 15 0	7 19 3	2 2 0	1 0 0	2 0 0	...	14 16 3	25 14 5	313 16 3	335 14 5	80
...	4 19 2	121 10 2	5 11 3	...	192 18 7	166 7 9	1636 18 7	2153 7 9	81
...	121 9 0	526 7 9	38 14 6	630 6 2	246 2 2	...	1142 19 1	1311 3 11	9746 19 1	10694 3 11	

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No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.										Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.						
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.											
										£	£				
	Brought forward ...	2351	345	2235	1754	6685	1919	8604	3519	1729	7 11	65 5 0	379 19 0		
82	Liverpool—Canning Street	456	200	301	514	1471	...	1471	700	313	3 7	17 0 0	113 3 0		
83	" —Derby Road	584	...	258	434	1276	...	1276	600	50	0 0	13 10 0	50 0 0		
84	" —Everton Valley	447	...	304	178	929	120	1049	550	253	17 0	11 0 0	53 17 0		
85	" —Fairfield	335	33	380	51	799	104	903	a600	320	0 0	13 0 0	120 0 0		
86	" —Islington	457	...	209	261	927	779	1706	*550	68	11 6	13 0 0	68 11 0		
87	" —Mount Pleasant	363	...	359	490	1212	...	1212	500	80	0 0	14 5 0	80 0 0		
88	" —Prince's Road	259	70	177	27	533	450	983	400	210	0 0	4 15 9	10 0 0		
89	" —Queen's Road	283	18	419	143	863	160	1023	500	210	0 0	9 10 0	10 0 0		
90	" —St. George's	459	97	181	101	838	1882	2720	600	237	10 0	11 0 0	37 10 0		
91	" —St. Peter's	163	76	200	176	615	160	775	300	205	0 0	4 12 6	5 0 0		
92	" —Sefton Park	907	181	679	830	2597	2501	5098	800	581	15 3	21 0 0	381 15 0		
93	" —Shaw Street	111	39	178	30	358	23	381	250	200	0 0	2 15 0	...		
94	" —Trinity...	189	130	185	161	665	...	665	405	236	8 3	6 15 0	36 8 0		
95	" —Union ...	Free	238	356	23	617	208	825	400	210	0 0	4 15 0	10 0 0		
96	" —Vauxhall Road	...	44	76	2	122	...	122	200	116	2 0	0 12 6	...		
97	Parkgate ...	...	104	78	3	185	...	185	200	155	0 0	1 10 0	...	
98	Ramsey ...	27	30	89	8	154	...	154	200	120	0 0	1 10 0	...		
99	Rock Ferry...	256	200	171	350	977	31	1008	505	298	11 6	10 10 0	98 11 0		
100	St. Helen's...	85	61	183	40	369	84	453	*235	205	0 0	1 10 0	5 0 0		
101	Southport ...	187	104	306	25	622	2	624	400	210	0 0	6 15 0	10 0 0		
102	Sutton ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	120	0 0	0 17 6	...
103	Waterloo ...	248	50	210	40	548	...	548	400	200	0 0	3 12 6	...		
	Two Preaching Stations ...	7	...	300	...	307	618	925	...	...	...	...	...
		8174	2020	7834	5641	23669	9041	32710	13014	6330	7 0	238 0 0	1469 16 7		
	LONDON.														
104	Aldershot ...	141	...	61	59	261	...	261	*200	150	0 0	2 2 0	...		
105	Aston Tirrold ...	...	45	73	11	129	...	129	*200	110	0 0	1 10 0	...	
106	Bournemouth ...	195	130	260	274	859	387	1246	*400	230	0 0	5 5 0	30 0 0		
107	Brighton—Queen's Road...	490	...	...	158	648	150	798	*500	257	7 6	9 0 0	57 7 6
108	" —Trinity	250	180	250	35	715	100	815	*500	220	0 0	6 0 0	20 0 0		
109	Canterbury...	37	3	179	4	223	...	223	2219	...	...	1 1 0	...
110	Chatham ...	Free	100	32	3	135	...	135	228	110	0 0	1 10 0	...		
111	Croydon ...	231	200	198	175	804	163	967	*400	240	0 0	7 7 0	40 0 0		
112	Darenth, Dartford...	32	...	200	...	232	...	232	*200	205	0 0	1 10 0	5 0 0		
113	Eastbourne ...	335	...	632	78	1045	...	1045	*600	102	10 0	8 8 0	2 10 0		
114	Edenbridge ...	45	200	26	...	271	...	271	200	205	0 0	1 10 0	5 0 0		
115	Gravesend ...	207	71	215	12	505	246	751	360	200	0 0	5 10 0	...		
116	Guernsey ...	19	69	38	3	129	2	131	180	107	4 0	1 1 0	...		
117	Highfields Withyham	...	...	128	...	128	...	128	122	...	...	1 1 0	...
118	Holybourne ...	Free	116	33	...	149	...	149	155	130	0 0	1 10 0	...		
119	Ipswich ...	109	60	173	51	393	170	563	250	200	0 0	3 0 0	...		
120	Jersey ...	191	38	189	45	463	...	463	350	210	0 0	5 5 0	10 0 0		
121	Lewes ...	27	28	124	17	196	...	196	*200	155	0 0	2 0 0	...		
122	London—Belgrave	468	78	630	258	1434	305	1739	800	275	0 0	8 8 0	75 0 0		
123	" —Bermondsey	47	31	129	...	207	33	240	200	150	0 0	1 10 0	...		
124	" —Blackheath	97	...	153	27	277	129	406	Vacant.	...	...	2 2 0	...
125	" —Bow Road	39	40	125	2	206	...	206	200	200	0 0	1 1 0	...		
126	" —Brockley	214	172	273	82	741	1229	970	500	200	0 0	5 5 0	...		
127	" —Camberwell	362	77	313	83	835	28	863	500	220	0 0	8 10 0	20 0 0		
128	" —Camden Road	247	113	392	278	1030	...	1030	600	207	10 0	10 10 0	7 10 0		
	Carried forward ...	8 3	1751	4826	1655	12015	2942	14957	8064	4084	11 6	101 16 0	272 7 6		

(*) Manse. (a) A Manse Capital Fund. (b) The Total Cost of Church and Mission was £23,770, and of this amount £2,501 was paid in 1883.
(c) Weekly Offering. (d) Stipend for four months and Pulpit Supply for eight months.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.														GRAND TOTAL				No.
Thanksgiving Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.		Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.		College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		1883.		1882.					
									1883.	1882.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
...	121 9 0	526 7 9	38 14 6	30 6 2	46 2 2	...	...	...	1142 19 1	1311 3 11	9746 19 1	10694 3 11	...	...		
...	30 11 1	112 6 1	11 11 8	7 11 7	6 6 11	10 0 0	...	...	291 10 11	451 16 8	1762 10 11	2309 16 8	82	...		
...	11 1 9	81 3 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	142 5 0	146 5 0	1418 5 0	1597 5 0	83	...
...	6 7 9	88 17 5	7 12 0	3 11 7	6 6 9	...	...	...	166 12 6	146 1 0	1215 12 6	61053 1 0	84	...	
...	64 2 7	413 19 6	17 10 0	28 8 4	20 11 4	8 16 2	...	...	673 7 11	605 2 0	1576 7 11	1975 2 0	85	...		
...	9 10 0	55 6 0	...	8 0 0	7 0 0	...	...	...	148 7 6	142 16 4	1854 7 6	1333 16 4	86	...	
30 0 0	23 15 1	154 13 3	4 1 6	4 1 6	59 19 0	...	...	...	356 10 4	356 11 8	1568 10 4	1864 11 8	87	...	
...	1 11 0	30 11 2	7 1 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	50 3 2	10 10 0	1033 3 2	1650 10 0	88	...
...	...	8 12 4	...	0 10 6	3 0 0	...	...	...	22 2 10	18 11 6	1045 2 10	1148 11 6	89	...	
...	24 15 11	25 0 5	6 0 0	...	6 0 0	...	...	...	99 6 4	84 9 7	2819 6 4	935 9 7	90	...	
...	1 2 6	9 0 0	0 7 6	0 7 6	1 1 0	...	...	...	16 18 6	10 3 6	791 18 6	632 3 6	91	...	
...	49 7 8	210 0 4	39 1 11	...	38 1 6	24 13 4	...	...	743 0 0	846 17 5	5841 0 0	2928 17 5	92	...		
...	4 10 0	5 10 0	...	...	1 0 0	...	...	...	11 0 0	6 10 0	392 0 0	451 10 0	93	...
...	9 2 8	65 16 0	8 8 8	2 9 6	5 1 1	3 0 0	...	...	130 6 2	160 4 11	795 6 2	875 4 11	94	...		
...	2 8 6	11 1 2	2 8 11	0 12 2	1 15 0	0 10 0	...	...	28 15 9	23 5 0	853 15 9	1421 5 0	95	...		
...	...	14 0 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	14 0 6	11 9 8	136 0 6	126 9 8	96	...
...	1 10 0	8 1 0	1 8 0	1 10 0	2 6 0	...	...	...	14 15 0	11 3 0	199 15 0	197 3 0	97	...	
...	1 18 10	3 8 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 7 0	6 12 0	159 7 0	161 12 0	98	...
...	20 9 0	219 8 4	23 5 0	5 18 6	7 16 0	5 1 1	...	...	380 9 5	372 17 3	1388 9 5	1407 17 3	99	...		
...	...	31 1 6	...	2 0 0	3 4 0	1 10 0	...	...	42 15 6	39 3 0	495 15 6	585 3 0	100	...		
...	6 17 0	8 19 5	3 8 0	1 6 5	5 5 0	...	...	...	35 15 10	48 1 3	659 15 10	711 1 3	101	...	
...	...	0 17 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	0 17 6	1 2 6	0 17 6	234 2 6	102	...
...	...	10 15 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 13 9	12 19 9	561 13 9	2201 19 9	103	...
...	1 7 3	20 7 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	21 14 3	...	946 14 3	...	...	...	
30 0 0	391 17 7	2115 3 6	170 18 8	97 13 9	220 15 9	56 8 11	...	...	4552 14 9	4823 16 11	37262 14 9	36506 16 11	...	...		
...	1 11 3	7 18 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	9 10 0	14 13 10	270 10 0	235 13 10	104	...
...	1 0 0	5 13 6	0 14 8	...	...	1 15 3	...	...	9 3 5	17 12 6	138 3 5	156 12 6	105	...
...	15 16 10	56 0 11	10 11 8	...	4 16 9	6 8 8	...	...	123 14 10	96 12 3	1369 14 10	765 12 3	106	...		
...	5 0 0	61 1 9	3 0 0	3 0 0	4 0 0	1 5 0	...	...	134 14 3	121 13 2	932 14 3	1590 13 2	107	...		
...	...	15 0 0	...	...	5 0 0	...	...	...	40 0 0	45 0 0	855 0 0	830 0 0	108	...
...	0 15 2	1 8 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 3 10	5 7 8	225 3 10	339 7 8	109	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 17 8	135 0 0	207 17 8	110	...
...	6 0 0	22 12 9	12 10 8	...	...	...	...	...	81 3 5	90 12 11	1048 3 5	1092 12 11	111	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 0 0	25 7 2	237 0 0	224 7 2	112	...
...	...	53 1 8	...	...	6 0 0	...	...	...	61 11 8	35 17 8	1106 11 8	1158 17 8	113	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 0 0	...	276 0 0	90 0 0	114	...
...	...	5 17 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 17 0	12 6 0	756 17 0	629 6 0	115	...
...	...	2 8 4	2 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	4 8 4	0 10 0	135 8 4	148 10 0	116	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	128 0 0	130 0 0	117	...
...	2 8 10	63 19 2	1 7 9	1 14 3	1 5 0	1 13 7	...	...	72 8 7	11 10 2	221 8 7	158 10 2	118	...		
...	3 0 0	20 5 11	1 11 6	...	3 10 0	...	...	...	28 7 5	21 17 5	591 7 5	417 17 5	119	...	
...	2 15 0	16 15 3	4 0 0	2 19 0	1 8 0	0 8 0	...	...	38 5 3	33 7 5	501 5 3	471 7 5	120	...		
10 0 0	...	29 11 0	4 16 6	...	2 10 3	...	...	...	46 17 9	35 14 8	242 17 9	252 14 8	121	...	
...	20 7 10	64 12 8	54 10 4	2 2 0	14 6 5	...	...	...	230 19 3	362 14 10	1969 19 3	2705 14 10	122	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 15 0	240 0 0	385 15 0	123	...
...	0 15 0	2 2 0	...	...	1 5 0	...	...	...	4 2 0	...	410 2 0	1427 0 0	124	...
...	3 0 0	5 2 11	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 2 11	3 8 10	214 2 11	284 8 10	125	...
...	...	5 0 0	3 5 10	...	...	...	...	...	13 5 10	21 10 6	1983 5 10	3061 10 6	126	...
...	3 0 0	33 12 2	...	...	5 15 0	...	...	...	62 7 2	51 18 9	925 7 2	871 18 9	127	...
...	7 0 0	56 5 11	11 0 0	8 0 0	7 0 0	1 0 0	...	...	97 15 11	101 7 6	1127 15 11	913 7 6	128	...		
10 0 0	72 9 11	528 10 4	109 8 11	17 15 3	356 16 5	17 10 6	...	...	1084 18 10	1115 15 11	16041 18 10	18549 15 11	...	...		

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.										Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aiding.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.							
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.	Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.										
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
	Brought forward ...	3783	1751	4826	1655	12015	2942	14957	8064	4084 11 6	101 16 0	272 7 6			
129	London—Canonbury ...	145	52	250	8	455	...	455	*250	205 0 0	4 0 0	5 0 0			
130	" —Clapham Road...	997	...	529	1256	2782	75	2857	1000	604 16 11	30 0 0	404 16 11			
131	" —Clapton ...	212	52	197	93	554	...	554	350	205 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0			
132	" —Crouch Hill ...	...	...	935	80	1015	35	1050	600	25 17 1	6 10 0	25 17 1	
133	" —Ealing ...	69	90	83	56	298	...	298	220	210 0 0	3 3 0	10 0 0			
134	" —East India Road	80	32	150	10	272	...	272	200	180 0 0	3 3 0	...			
135	" —Forest Hill ...	267	186	243	106	802	2185	2987	*500	240 0 2	10 10 0	40 0 2			
136	" —Greenwich ...	298	5	454	181	938	...	938	505	214 5 9	10 10 0	14 5 9			
137	" —Hammersmith ...	283	41	300	40	664	...	664	350	200 0 0	6 10 0	...			
138	" —Hampstead ...	286	50	413	54	803	44	847	*550	451 0 0	12 0 0	251 0 0			
139	" —Highbury ...	641	...	562	629	1832	...	1832	850	136 8 6	20 0 0	136 8 6			
140	" —Islington ...	675	53	320	384	1432	...	1432	800	315 0 0	14 0 0	115 0 0			
141	" —Kensington ...	348	200	432	91	1071	515	1586	563	216 11 0	6 6 0	16 11 0			
142	" —Kentish Town ...	72	...	110	28	210	379	589	200	...	1 10 0	...			
143	" —Kingstn-on-Thms	81	56	133	15	285	705	990	205	200 0 0	2 10 0	...			
144	" —Marylebone ...	1004	200	618	629	2451	466	2917	*1050	502 8 3	30 0 0	302 8 3			
145	" —Millwall ...	35	20	93	...	148	...	148	200	110 10 0	2 2 0	...			
146	" —New Barnet ...	115	...	304	96	515	...	515	257	210 0 0	3 0 0	10 0 0			
147	" —Notting Hill ...	520	175	390	407	1492	...	1492	800	220 0 0	13 0 0	20 0 0			
148	" —Oxendon ...	93	32	245	14	384	28	412	300	75 0 0	3 3 0	...			
149	" —Putney ...	150	...	346	17	513	285	798	250	5 0 0	4 4 0	5 0 0			
150	" —Regent Square...	909	200	782	789	2680	50	2730	1200	803 2 2	30 0 0	603 2 2			
151	" —Richmond ...	117	83	121	...	321	5	326	300	200 0 0	3 10 0	...			
152	" —St. John's Wood	999	...	897	664	2560	1096	3656	1200	494 0 9	25 0 0	494 0 9			
153	" —Silvertown (a) ...	52	...	68	9	129	...	129	200	23 19 6	...	...	
154	" —Somers Town ...	155	44	350	...	549	...	549	250	43 15 9	3 0 0	...			
155	" —South Kensington	271	1	520	283	1075	34	1109	600	200 0 0	10 0 0	...			
156	" —Southwark ...	40	19	69	...	128	...	128	155	57 0 0	1 10 0	...			
157	" —Stepney ...	181	60	248	60	549	137	686	400	220 0 0	6 0 0	20 0 0			
158	" —Stoke Newington	45	...	255	...	300	...	300	350	...	2 0 0	...			
159	" —Stratford ...	178	...	210	119	507	86	593	300	...	4 10 0	...			
160	" —Streatham ...	143	148	202	46	539	840	1379	350	205 0 0	3 3 0	5 0 0			
161	" —Tooting ...	58	18	48	15	139	...	139	*110	100 0 0	1 1 0	...			
162	" —Tottenham ...	188	160	115	214	677	17	694	*320	225 0 0	6 6 0	25 0 0			
163	" —Upper Norwood	321	200	308	107	936	...	936	500	230 0 0	7 10 0	30 0 0			
164	" —Victoria Docks...	48	153	90	3	294	...	294	200	205 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0			
165	" —Wandsworth ...	193	95	200	204	692	143	835	400	225 0 0	6 0 0	25 0 0			
166	" —Westbourne Grove	224	...	535	256	1015	132	1147	550	40 0 0	10 10 0	40 0 0			
167	" —Whitefield, St. Giles	20	...	109	30	159	...	159	110	...	1 1 0	...			
168	" —Wilkesden ...	316	142	221	180	859	...	859	500	230 0 0	6 10 0	30 0 0			
169	" —Wood Green ...	213	117	261	78	669	220	889	300	200 0 0	4 10 0	...			
170	" —Woolwich, New Rd	223	62	187	62	534	73	607	430	215 0 0	6 0 0	15 0 0			
171	" —St. Andrew's	160	72	220	10	462	953	1415	300	200 0 0	3 15 0	...			
172	Norwich ...	162	63	319	58	602	...	602	*4350	211 1 8	5 0 0	11 1 8			
173	Portsmouth ...	197	...	95	2	294	...	294	300	...	2 0 0	...			
174	Rangoon ...	...	...	707	24	731	454	1185	*500	...	...	...
175	Reading ...	88	27	350	36	501	...	501	270	...	2 2 0	...			
176	St. Leonard's-on-Sea	86	...	248	5	339	450	789	300	...	1 10 0	...			
177	Silverhill, St. Lnd's-on-Sea	33	61	74	13	181	3	184	200	140 0 0	1 10 0	...			
178	Singapore ...	188	...	291	...	479	754	1233	*550	...	...	...
179	Southampton—St. Andrew's	279	49	171	289	788	42	830	310	225 0 0	8 10 0	25 0 0			
180	" —Totton ...	32	59	31	8	130	...	130	160	110 0 0	1 10 0	...			
181	" —Woolston ...	113	29	149	8	299	...	299	200	200 0 0	3 3 0	...			
182	Wallington... ..	...	45	192	86	323	118	441	200	200 0 0	2 0 0	...		
	Three Preaching Stations	...	81	148	7	236	12	248	100	...	...	...
		16386	4983	20724	9514	51607	13278	64885	30529	13814	9 0	465 18 0	2961 19 9		

(a) For portion of the year.

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† Minister pays interest.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.

GRAND TOTAL.

Thanksgiving Fund.	Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.			Jewish Mission.			Continental Missions.			College.			Instruction of Youth.			TOTAL.								No.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.		d.	£	s.	d.	
10 0 0	72	9	11	528	10	4	109	8	11	17	15	3	56	16	5	17	10	6	1084	18	10	1115	15	11	1604	18	10	1854	9	15	11	
...	2	2	0	26	0	2	2	2	0	1	16	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	1	1	33	11	0	492	1	1	514	11	0	129
...	10	10	0	146	11	11	20	0	0	10	0	0	6	0	0	6	2	0	604	0	10	587	18	1	3461	0	10	3986	18	1	130	
...	...	...	...	38	10	5	4	0	0	...	...	...	3	11	0	...	...	...	51	1	5	56	14	6	605	1	5	723	14	6	131
...	24	18	10	46	12	0	11	7	11	11	16	4	16	0	10	...	...	...	136	13	0	226	18	2	1186	13	0	2336	18	2	132
...	2	10	0	5	0	0	2	5	9	1	0	0	2	5	0	...	...	...	23	0	9	23	16	2	321	0	9	406	16	2	133
...	1	0	0	3	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	...	...	...	5	0	0	9	11	9	277	0	0	799	11	9	134
...	16	0	0	22	1	0	8	0	0	8	0	0	10	0	0	5	0	0	109	1	2	181	10	6	3096	1	2	840	10	6	135	
...	3	18	9	39	5	4	15	9	0	...	...	...	6	5	2	...	...	...	79	4	0	95	5	8	1017	4	0	1063	5	8	136
...	...	...	...	6	17	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	...	...	...	8	17	0	26	9	6	672	17	0	1349	9	6	137
50 0 0	59	18	3	358	15	4	33	9	6	11	13	1	45	14	11	5	8	2	915	19	3	1273	8	1	1762	19	3	2346	8	1	138	
...	8	0	0	254	14	1	22	15	0	5	5	0	18	10	0	4	10	0	450	2	7	397	7	3	2282	2	7	2179	7	3	139	
...	14	4	0	125	13	6	12	10	0	10	8	2	22	13	10	...	...	...	300	9	6	232	14	0	1732	9	6	1796	14	0	140
...	16	0	0	47	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	15	3	18	12	7	1665	15	3	1329	12	7	141
...	3	14	0	6	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	14	0	5	8	9	598	14	0	363	8	9	142
...	...	...	...	3	14	0	0	18	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	12	0	7	17	6	994	12	0	611	17	6	143
...	43	0	0	450	0	0	30	0	0	...	...	...	20	3	4	9	9	9	855	1	4	1162	5	10	3772	1	4	4779	5	10	144
...	...	...	...	0	16	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	16	0	4	1	0	148	16	0	159	1	0	145
...	3	10	0	19	10	10	3	7	0	1	10	0	4	0	0	2	10	0	44	7	10	50	10	6	559	7	10	442	10	6	146	
...	33	19	7	60	7	2	45	0	10	6	0	4	23	16	9	...	...	...	189	4	8	296	2	8	1681	4	8	1818	2	8	147
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	412	0	0	487	0	0	148
...	2	0	0	88	18	4	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	7	4	...	...	...	108	5	8	112	4	11	906	5	8	905	4	11	149
...	121	9	3	332	10	5	51	2	6	43	0	0	126	13	6	30	6	6	1308	4	4	1567	6	3	4038	4	4	7022	6	3	150	
...	2	10	0	33	4	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	14	6	26	13	0	361	14	6	448	13	0	151
...	206	8	7	287	6	0	20	11	6	44	18	5	15	0	0	5	0	0	1073	5	3	1069	0	3	4729	5	3	3604	0	3	152	
...	1	9	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	7	...	...	...	130	9	7	...	...	...	153
...	7	4	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	4	0	7	15	0	556	4	0	3806	15	0	154
...	10	0	0	16	0	0	10	0	0	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	44	0	0	82	0	0	1153	0	0	1319	0	0	155
...	1	10	0	3	12	0	1	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	12	0	9	10	0	134	12	0	229	10	0	156
...	0	17	10	25	4	6	2	4	0	0	6	1	...	...	...	1	0	0	49	12	5	88	5	8	735	12	5	719	5	8	157
...	1	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	2	6	0	301	0	0	283	6	0	158
...	1	0	0	1	15	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	6	15	0	9	1	4	599	15	0	607	1	4	159	
...	10	12	8	29	14	3	12	3	0	4	10	0	8	9	2	2	0	0	72	9	1	51	9	1	1451	9	1	847	9	1	160	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	10	1	139	0	0	191	10	0	161
...	4	0	0	33	0	3	8	8	4	6	0	0	16	2	0	...	...	...	92	10	7	80	11	3	786	10	7	896	11	3	162
...	9	0	0	55	14	0	15	12	0	6	5	0	10	10	0	6	1	6	133	2	6	107	6	6	1069	2	6	1703	6	6	163	
...	1	16	6	5	17	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	13	6	19	4	6	306	13	6	317	14	6	164
...	5	8	0	158	9	7	7	13	4	5	3	2	2	9	2	2	12	4	206	15	7	152	14	2	1041	15	7	757	14	2	165	
...	12	9	6	39	16	6	7	0	0	7	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	106	16	0	130	7	0	1253	16	0	1185	7	0	166
...	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	0	0	12	10	0	167	0	0	231	10	0	167
...	5	7	0	27	15	7	1	15	8	1	9	2	3	0	0	...	...	...	69	7	5	73	5	1	928	7	5	924	5	1	168
...	2	9	0	21	15	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	9	0	...	...	...	26	13	0	13	11	11	915	13	0	1196	11	11	169
...	...	...	...	20	1	4	3	10	0	...	...	...	2	0	0	...	...	...	40	11	4	36	13	10	647	11	4	656	13	10	170
...	4	5	0	3	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	15	0	16	19	3	1422	15	0	393	19	3	171
...	4	15	0	9	4	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	1	10	0	...	...	...	32	10	11	22	12	0	634	10	11	420	12	0	172
...	...	...	...	5	11	0	1	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	11	0	5	2	0	300	11	0	397	2	0	173
...	...	...	...	12	18	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	18	2	...	...	...	1197	18	2	1321	0	0	174
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	0	501	0	0	730	3	0	175
...	3	10	0	3	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	10	0	4	10	0	795	10	0	162	10	0	176
...	3	6	11	7	0	6	1	0	0	...	...	...	0	10	0	...	...	...	11	17	5	12	10	8	195	17	5	249	10	8	177
...	...	...	...	130	9	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	130	9	5	202	4	7	1363	9	5	1125	4	7	178
...	7	3	9	61	7	0	...	...	...	14	11	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	108	2	5	111	1	5	938	2	5	839	1	5	179
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	...	...	...	2	0	0	1	10	0	132	0	0	126	10	0	180
...	...	...	...	4	10	4	1	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	15	4	...	...	...	304	15	4	491	0	0	181
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	4	7	...	...	...	0	18	6	...	...	...	1	3	1	3	12	9	442	3	1	462	12	9	182
...	...	...	...	5	4	7	0	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	9	7	2	2	0	253	9	7	1177	2	0	
160 0 0	745	7	11	3620	12	10	474	18	10	223	18	7	445	15	11	98	10	9	8731	4	7	9852	2	11	73616	4	7	82635	2	11		

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.				
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.								
	MANCHESTER.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
183	Blackburn—Mount Street	39	30	98	...	167	...	167	200	120 0 0	1 13 4	...
184	" —St. George's...	465	...	81	184	730	327	1057	500	16 1 9	9 4 0	16 1 9
185	Bolton	187	23	146	128	484	195	679	335	210 0 0	5 7 4	10 0 0
186	Bradford	178†	126	105	73	480	155	635	350	205 0 0	5 11 10	5 0 0
187	Crewe	56	53	89	51	249	...	249	200	118 0 0	1 7 0	...
188	Leeds—Cavendish Road	191	...	345	32	568	699	1267	300	...	4 10 4	...
189	" —St Columba	34	18	102	...	154	...	154	200	...	2 7 4	...
190	Manchester—Ancoats	Free	152	240	122	514	...	514	300	175 0 0	4 5 10	...
191	" —Bowdon	...	...	512	...	512	...	512	350	20 0 0	4 16 10	20 0 0
192	" —Brunswick St.	313	...	339	124	776	...	776	425	20 8 2	9 11 3	20 8 2
193	" —Coupland St.	...	...	762	346	1108	...	1108	450	48 10 4	10 8 0	48 10 4
194	" —Eccles	68	26	106	11	211	20	231	200	...	1 17 2	...
195	" —Grosvenor Sq.	351	...	419	66	836	...	836	500	307 14 0	10 18 4	107 14 0
196	" —Hghr Brightn	164	...	440	25	629	...	629	456	20 0 0	4 17 8	20 0 0
197	" —Longsight	229	68	167	11	475	47	522	400	210 0 0	4 17 8	10 0 0
198	" —Pendleton	107	...	302	22	431	...	431	300	...	4 19 4	...
199	" —St. Andrews	261	31	265	148	705	118	823	420	230 0 0	8 0 0	30 0 0
200	" —Sale	186	178	304	78	746	73	819	*450	210 0 0	6 0 10	10 0 0
201	" —Salford	101	37	252	98	488	...	488	300	...	4 10 0	...
202	" —Trinity	334	4	288	128	754	44	798	*500	230 0 0	9 12 1	30 0 0
203	" —Whalley Range	109	...	394	...	503	...	503	303	...	5 6 10	...
204	" —Withington	450	...	319	479	1248	889	2137	505	91 1 3	9 18 0	91 1 3
205	Preston	81	27	203	36	347	25	372	250	...	3 7 8	...
206	Ramsbottom	120	23	80	25	248	...	248	*200	150 0 0	3 7 0	...
207	Risley	1	10	...	5	16	15	31	Vacant	...	0 6 4	...
208	Rochdale	Free	...	340	10	350	...	350	250	...	6 5 10	...
209	Sheffield	165	66	143	34	408	5	413	260	200 0 0	5 10 9	...
210	Warrington	58	31	87	21	197	93	290	200	110 0 0	1 16 4	...
211	Wharton	53	14	79	24	170	99	269	*200	115 0 0	1 14 9	...
212	Wigan	92	59	202	13	366	400	766	200	105 0 0	2 10 4	...
	Presbyterial Mission and Preaching Stations	...	...	232	...	232	...	232	112	...	...	...
		4393	976	7439	2294	15102	3204	18306	9610	2911 15 6	155 0 0	418 15 6
NEWCASTLE.												
213	Bellingham	64	12	96	5	177	1087	1264	*200	150 0 0	2 12 6	...
214	Blackhill	56	...	240	3	299	...	299	*200	18 0 0	3 5 0	18 0 0
215	Blyth—Bridge Street	38	9	119	...	166	48	214	200	130 0 0	2 0 0	...
216	" —Waterloo Road	78	3	407	20	508	123	631	*205	...	4 15 0	...
217	Durham	74	35	134	8	251	641	892	200	200 0 0	2 15 0	...
218	Falstone	91	37	35	2	165	19	184	*200	150 0 0	2 12 6	...
219	Gateshead—Durham Road	153	...	358	23	534	35	569	300	...	5 15 0	...
220	" —Ellison Street	91	44	159	75	369	...	369	250	200 0 0	4 15 0	...
221	Gosforth	64	...	223	...	287	634	921	210	0 8 0	2 10 0	0 8 0
222	Hebburn	98	52	124	11	285	149	434	*200	200 0 0	2 17 6	...
223	Hexham ... ..	...	...	289	58	347	226	573	*200	216 0 0	3 7 6	16 0 0
224	Houghton-le-Spring	60	26	68	4	158	103	261	*200	137 10 0	2 10 0	...
225	Jarrow—Ellison Street	184	...	327	50	561	...	561	325	...	8 7 6	...
226	" —St. Kilda's	11	17	114	...	142	3	145	155	100 0 0	1 17 6	...
227	Killingworth	12	2	45	...	59	...	59	Vacant	44 10 0	1 5 0	...
	Carried forward	1074	237	2738	259	4308	3068	7376	3045	1546 8 0	51 5 0	34 8 0

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† Owing to special circumstances the financial return is incomplete.*

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SYNODICAL FINANCES.

GRAND TOTAL.

Thanksgiving Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.		No.
							1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	167 0 0	212 0 0	183
10 0 0	29 0 0	5 0 0	...	...	5 0 0	...	65 1 9	68 1 10	1122 1 9	1623 1 10	184
...	...	...	...	2 0 0	2 0 0	...	19 0 0	20 10 0	698 0 0	513 10 0	185
6 0 0	7 17 6	...	...	...	...	...	18 17 6	29 0 0	653 17 6	1447 0 0	186
1 10 0	14 0 0	0 15 0	0 15 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	19 0 0	13 17 7	268 0 0	237 17 7	187
4 0 0	20 11 7	...	...	...	...	...	24 11 7	9 0 0	1291 11 7	691 0 0	188
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	154 0 0	178 0 0	189
...	21 10 4	...	...	...	...	...	21 10 4	27 15 5	535 10 4	624 15 5	190
11 16 0	24 0 0	4 12 0	4 10 8	9 8 0	...	...	74 6 8	91 14 9	586 6 8	723 14 9	191
...	10 1 0	...	...	...	...	...	30 9 2	83 10 6	806 9 2	978 10 6	192
5 0 0	47 3 0	2 10 0	...	...	...	...	103 3 4	130 13 4	1211 3 4	1272 13 4	193
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 13 3	231 0 0	221 13 3	194
17 8 6	68 1 1	10 16 2	...	18 13 0	20 12 7	243 5 4	293 1 3	1079 5 4	2021 1 3	3 195	
9 6 4	56 0 9	...	...	...	...	85 7 1	86 7 10	714 7 1	684 7 10	10 196	
2 10 0	35 13 6	...	...	...	...	48 3 6	12 15 0	570 3 6	649 15 0	197	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19 6 6	431 0 0	378 6 6	198
3 0 0	41 9 5	4 0 0	4 0 0	6 0 0	2 10 0	90 19 5	118 4 10	913 19 5	1581 4 10	10 199	
...	11 7 10	7 10 6	10 4 0	8 10 3	4 5 2	51 17 9	77 6 8	870 17 9	2204 6 8	200	
...	15 18 10	0 2 2	0 2 1	...	0 3 3	16 6 4	23 18 2	504 6 4	519 18 2	201	
10 0 0	80 6 9	3 0 0	3 0 0	7 0 0	...	151 6 9	149 2 10	949 6 9	1036 2 10	202	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 16 4	503 0 0	431 16 4	203	
47 7 4	162 3 10	10 8 11	...	15 8 7	...	326 9 11	388 8 4	2463 9 11	1743 8 4	204	
2 0 0	3 0 0	...	...	...	...	5 0 0	3 0 0	377 0 0	1341 0 0	205	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 0 0	248 0 0	322 0 0	206	
...	1 4 6	...	...	...	1 5 0	2 9 6	3 14 6	33 9 6	47 14 6	207	
1 6 4	2 2 0	...	...	...	...	3 8 4	9 13 11	353 8 4	456 13 11	208	
2 0 0	10 15 10	...	...	...	...	12 15 10	11 17 9	425 15 10	519 17 9	209	
1 0 0	4 7 6	...	...	...	...	5 7 6	5 6 0	295 7 6	195 6 0	210	
1 0 0	9 11 2	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	1 0 0	13 11 2	17 7 9	282 11 2	194 7 9	211	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 0 0	766 0 0	1657 0 0	212	
...	1 6 2	1 3 8	0 11 0	...	0 12 6	3 13 4	3 1 1	235 13 4	125 1 1		
10 0 0	144 10 8	682 10 1	50 5 9	24 11 9	74 12 4	30 16 0	1436 2 1	1731 5 5	19742 2 1	24833 5 5	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1264 0 0	807 0 0	213
4 8 4	19 9 6	...	...	...	...	41 17 10	45 0 0	340 17 10	331 0 0	214	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	214 0 0	175 0 0	215
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17 14 0	631 0 0	949 14 0	216	
...	3 7 3	...	...	...	...	3 7 3	3 10 0	895 7 3	293 10 0	217	
1 2 1	1 12 8	...	2 4 0	0 19 0	1 12 0	7 9 9	4 5 3	191 9 9	180 5 3	218	
...	10 2 3	...	...	...	...	10 2 3	12 12 6	579 2 3	587 12 6	219	
0 16 0	5 11 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	7 7 0	9 17 2	376 7 0	347 17 2	220	
1 6 0	3 6 4	...	...	...	...	5 0 4	15 4 3	926 0 4	526 4 3	221	
...	2 14 8	...	...	...	...	2 14 8	4 5 7	436 14 8	232 5 7	222	
...	18 5 9	...	...	...	2 0 0	36 5 9	27 19 10	609 5 9	354 19 10	223	
3 10 0	8 15 2	1 2 6	1 3 0	1 10 0	...	16 0 8	11 17 7	277 0 8	204 17 7	224	
12 15 11	14 1 7	...	...	...	...	26 17 6	32 10 8	587 17 6	1189 10 8	225	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 10 0	145 0 0	124 10 0	226	
...	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	1 0 0	1 5 1	60 0 0	55 5 1	227	
...	23 18 4	88 6 2	2 2 6	3 7 0	2 9 0	3 12 0	158 3 0	188 11 11	7534 3 0	6409 11 11	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

		CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.																	
No	CONGREGATIONS.	Income for Congregational Purposes.					Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund and giving.						
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.	Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.								For Temporary Purposes.					
															£	£	£	£	£
	Brought forward ...	1074	237	2738	259	4308	3068	7376	3045	1546	8	0	51	5	0	34	8	0	
228	Newcastle—Barras Bridge	233	...	729	164	1126	...	1126	660	50	9	10	9	10	0	50	9	10	
229	" —Blackett Street	303	...	457	271	1031	...	1031	450	60	0	0	12	0	0	60	0	0	
230	" —Erskine	65	...	223	16	304	...	304	200	3	0	0	3	10	0	3	0	0	
231	" —Heaton	48	32	90	3	173	13	186	200	140	0	0	2	0	0	...	...	...
232	" —John Knox	228	...	316	306	850	26	876	400	242	8	0	9	0	0	42	8	0	
233	" —St. George's	105	...	295	13	413	50	463	300	4	0	0	5	17	6	4	0	0	
234	" —Trinity	528	...	450	344	1322	319	1641	800	287	9	3	13	0	0	87	9	3	
235	" —Westmoreland Rd	248	...	370	81	699	278	977	400	48	12	6	9	0	0	48	12	6	
236	North Shields—Howard St	180	36	272	40	528	32	560	390	212	0	0	7	0	0	12	0	0	
237	" —Northumberland Sq	182	...	345	105	587	...	632	350	45	0	0	6	12	6	45	0	0	
238	Seaham ...	...	19	156	...	175	1200	1375	200	...	...	...	1	0	0	...	...	...
239	Seaton Burn ...	30	5	51	...	86	11	97	155	80	0	0	1	7	6	...	...	...
240	Seaton Delaval ...	52	27	52	...	131	39	170	*200	125	0	0	2	0	0	...	...	...
241	South Shields—Laygate	...	...	455	115	570	75	645	*385	60	3	4	6	17	6	60	3	4
242	" —Mile End Rd	93	...	197	84	374	...	374	235	10	0	0	4	12	6	10	0	0	
243	" —St. John's	144	...	315	65	524	29	553	300	...	...	...	6	0	0	...	...	...
244	" —St. Paul's	88	...	181	7	276	12	288	200	1	18	5	4	10	0	1	18	5	
245	Stamfordham ...	33	14	37	...	84	...	84	*200	89	15	0	1	5	0	...	...	...
246	Sunderland—Nth Bdge St	84	57	206	16	363	...	363	*300	204	13	2	4	7	6	4	13	2	
247	" —St. George's	237	21	412	263	933	80	1013	500	252	16	4	9	7	6	52	16	4	
248	" —St. Stephen's	60	37	170	9	276	125	401	200	140	0	0	3	0	0	...	...	...
249	" —Smyrna	84	...	320	20	424	4	428	300	200	0	0	4	2	6	...	...	...
250	" —Trinity	201	3	417	164	785	80	865	425	20	18	11	7	15	0	20	18	11	
251	Swalwell ...	20	21	90	...	131	...	131	*200	110	0	0	2	5	0	...	...	...
252	Walker ...	93	...	202	29	324	41	365	*204	208	0	0	4	2	6	8	0	0	
253	Wallsend ...	77	...	215	20	312	16	328	*200	...	...	...	3	7	6	...	...	...
254	Wark ...	31	12	47	1	91	...	91	*150	80	0	0	1	2	6	...	...	...
255	Willington Quay ...	47	18	175	25	265	65	330	200	150	0	0	2	7	6	...	...	...
		4568	539	9938	2420	17465	5563	23028	11749	4372	12	9	198	5	0	545	17	9	
	NORTHUMBERLAND.																		
256	Alnwick—Clayport Street	105	...	150	74	329	188	517	*200	...	...	...	4	2	0	...	...	...
257	" —Lisburn Street	66	14	106	...	186	7	193	*200	156	6	7	2	6	0	...	...	...
258	" —St. James's	134	23	119	18	294	200	494	*200	200	0	0	4	10	0	...	...	...
259	Bavington ...	65	24	28	...	117	...	117	*200	106	0	0	1	10	0	...	...	...
260	Bedlington...	45	5	69	...	119	...	119	*200	107	4	3	1	16	0	...	...	...
261	Birdhoepraig ...	62	38	34	5	139	...	139	*200	122	0	0	1	17	0	...	...	...
262	Branton ...	91	12	61	16	180	...	180	*200	160	0	0	2	12	0	...	...	...
263	Embleton ...	70	8	58	...	136	...	136	200	130	0	0	2	14	0	...	...	...
264	Felton ...	57	9	57	2	125	1	126	*200	110	0	0	1	18	0	...	...	...
265	Glanton ...	108	21	65	4	198	18	216	*200	165	0	0	3	4	0	...	...	...
266	Harbottle ...	86	11	43	1	141	...	141	*200	125	0	0	0	12	0	...	...	...
267	Longframlington ...	22	26	16	1	65	...	65	*155	61	0	0	0	19	0	...	...	...
268	Morpeth ...	160	5	174	60	399	3	402	*275	215	0	0	5	9	0	15	0	0	
269	Newbiggin ...	20	...	53	...	73	...	73	200	105	0	0	1	6	0	...	...	...
270	North Middleton ...	49	14	42	1	106	...	106	*200	100	0	0	1	8	0	...	...	...
271	North Sunderland...	74	9	78	18	179	...	179	*200	145	0	0	3	12	0	...	...	...
272	Otterburn ...	62	40	60	4	166	...	166	*200	140	0	0	2	3	0	...	...	...
273	Thropton ...	60	20	26	...	106	...	106	*200	105	19	7	1	17	0	...	...	...
274	Warenford...	73	12	51	2	138	...	138	*200	115	0	11	2	11	0	...	...	...
275	Warkworth...	75	19	44	1	139	6	145	*200	125	0	0	2	10	0	...	...	...
276	Widdrington ...	63	20	41	...	124	...	124	*200	109	0	0	1	17	0	...	...	...
277	Wooler—Cheviot Street	118	2	73	...	193	...	193	214	200	0	0	4	12	0	...	...	...
278	" —Tower Hill	49	3	57	...	109	...	109	*150	100	0	0	1	19	0	...	...	...
279	" —West Chapel	99	37	36	...	172	...	172	*200	153	0	0	2	16	0	
	Miscellaneous	
		1813	372	1541	207	3933	493	4356	1794	3055	11	4	62	0	0	15	0	0	

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SYNODICAL FINANCES.															GRAND TOTAL.				No.
Thanksgiving Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.												
							1883.		1882.		1883.		1882.						
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.					
23 18 4	88 6 2	2 2 6	3 7 0	2 9 0	3 12 0	158 3 0	188 11 11	7534 3 0	6409 11 11	...	...	...	...	...
12 0 0	38 6 9	2 0 0	2 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	119 16 7	112 5 5	1245 16 7	1222 5 5	228	...	...	...	...	
5 0 0	56 7 7	4 15 0	...	2 3 7	2 3 7	130 9 9	136 6 7	1161 9 9	1285 6 7	229	...	...	...	...	
...	1 5 7	2 11 3	...	...	...	6 16 10	4 7 6	310 16 10	289 7 6	230	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 8 6	186 0 0	197 8 6	231	...	...	...	...	
...	4 10 0	54 10 10	9 0 0	3 5 0	6 10 0	123 8 10	95 0 1	999 8 10	840 0 1	232	...	...	...	...	
...	3 0 0	9 19 6	2 0 0	...	...	18 19 6	17 9 0	481 19 6	494 9 0	233	...	...	...	...	
...	10 0 0	37 15 8	8 0 0	4 10 0	8 0 0	162 14 11	154 8 9	1803 14 11	2076 8 9	234	...	...	...	...	
...	22 7 6	35 19 0	3 0 0	...	7 7 0	117 6 0	138 17 9	1094 6 0	1120 17 9	235	...	...	...	...	
...	1 10 0	32 3 0	2 12 0	...	6 6 0	55 16 0	14 14 6	615 16 0	657 14 6	236	...	...	...	...	
...	5 0 0	34 0 0	10 2 10	1 11 6	7 10 0	108 0 6	64 19 2	740 0 6	717 19 2	237	...	...	...	...	
...	2 0 0	...	...	...	...	2 0 9	...	1377 0 0	163 0 0	238	...	...	...	...	
...	...	1 12 0	0 5 0	...	0 10 0	3 2 0	1 0 0	100 2 0	97 0 0	239	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 13 0	170 0 0	190 13 0	240	...	...	...	...	
...	7 10 0	30 0 0	3 8 8	2 10 0	8 0 0	111 12 0	186 15 11	756 12 0	857 15 11	241	...	...	...	...	
...	...	0 10 0	0 10 0	...	...	12 0 0	23 2 4	386 0 0	611 2 4	242	...	...	...	...	
...	3 5 0	7 1 6	2 18 0	...	3 0 0	16 4 6	15 16 0	569 4 6	884 16 0	243	...	...	...	...	
...	2 0 0	2 0 0	...	...	...	5 18 5	3 10 0	293 18 5	803 10 0	244	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 10 0	84 0 0	98 10 0	245	...	...	...	...	
...	2 10 0	18 4 10	...	...	1 15 6	27 3 6	34 2 8	390 3 6	468 2 8	246	...	...	...	...	
2 0 0	15 0 0	40 19 2	5 0 0	7 0 0	5 0 0	132 7 7	135 17 8	1145 7 7	1015 17 8	247	...	...	...	...	
...	...	3 14 6	...	...	...	3 14 6	3 15 11	404 14 6	631 15 11	248	...	...	...	...	
...	3 15 6	10 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	16 15 6	14 16 0	444 15 6	441 16 0	249	...	...	...	...	
...	6 0 0	24 4 3	...	...	...	51 3 2	73 2 4	916 3 2	836 2 4	250	...	...	...	...	
...	...	0 11 10	...	...	...	0 11 10	...	131 11 10	240 0 0	251	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	2 0 7	1 15 2	1 7 1	13 2 10	15 5 3	378 2 10	339 5 3	252	...	...	...	...	
...	1 10 0	1 10 0	...	...	1 0 0	4 0 0	9 19 6	332 0 0	296 19 6	253	...	...	...	...	
...	...	1 15 0	...	...	...	1 15 0	1 2 0	92 15 0	91 2 0	254	...	...	...	...	
...	1 0 0	10 17 0	1 0 0	0 14 6	...	13 11 6	12 3 0	343 11 6	297 3 0	255	...	...	...	...	
7 0 0	128 1 11	542 19 10	59 14 7	27 13 2	71 18 2	33 8 10	1416 14 3	1462 0 9	24444 14 3	23676 0 9	...	...	...	...	
...	...	13 8 7	2 18 0	5 0 0	2 10 0	2 10 0	26 6 7	41 1 0	543 6 7	361 1 0	256	...	...	...		
...	3 0 6	11 18 6	...	...	2 0 0	...	16 19 0	21 10 4	209 19 0	208 10 4	257	...	...	...		
...	1 10 0	10 17 0	2 0 0	1 10 0	1 10 0	...	17 7 0	18 15 10	511 7 0	505 15 10	258	...	...	...		
...	...	11 14 5	...	...	0 13 6	1 4 0	13 11 11	8 3 8	130 11 11	135 3 8	259	...	...	...		
...	...	5 9 11	...	0 10 0	0 10 0	...	6 9 11	4 12 11	125 9 11	133 12 11	260	...	...	...		
...	...	4 6 9	...	1 0 0	0 14 10	...	6 1 7	9 3 6	145 1 7	150 3 6	261	...	...	...		
...	...	2 15 0	1 0 0	1 4 0	2 0 0	...	6 19 0	5 11 4	186 19 0	145 11 4	262	...	...	...		
...	0 10 0	2 19 3	...	0 14 0	0 12 0	...	5 7 3	4 2 7	141 7 3	392 2 7	263	...	...	...		
...	1 1 0	3 19 3	...	1 1 0	0 10 0	...	6 11 3	5 0 6	132 11 3	140 0 6	264	...	...	...		
...	1 15 0	4 3 0	2 0 0	1 10 0	...	...	9 8 0	9 17 7	225 8 0	204 17 7	265	...	...	...		
...	0 14 0	4 14 0	0 15 8	1 0 0	...	...	7 3 8	7 19 7	148 3 8	157 19 7	266	...	...	...		
...	0 7 6	0 15 0	0 5 0	...	0 10 0	0 5 0	2 2 6	2 13 0	67 2 6	65 13 0	267	...	...	...		
...	3 2 1	11 4 11	3 16 2	...	3 6 1	...	36 9 3	40 14 0	438 9 3	507 14 0	268	...	...	...		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0 9 10	73 0 0	116 9 10	269	...	...	...		
...	0 5 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	1 5 0	1 0 0	107 5 0	108 0 0	270	...	...	...		
...	3 0 0	14 15 6	3 0 0	...	3 0 0	...	23 15 6	...	202 15 6	160 0 0	271	...	...	...		
...	2 0 0	8 7 10	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 12 0	2 1 6	16 1 4	12 14 8	182 1 4	196 14 8	272	...	...	...		
...	1 12 2	3 5 3	1 5 0	...	1 5 0	0 15 0	8 3 0	6 19 10	114 3 0	121 19 10	273	...	...	...		
...	...	0 10 6	...	...	0 10 0	...	1 0 6	2 12 0	139 0 6	141 12 0	274	...	...	...		
...	...	3 0 0	0 10 0	...	1 0 0	...	4 10 0	7 0 0	149 10 0	174 0 0	275	...	...	...		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 4 0	124 0 0	124 4 0	276	...	...	...		
...	1 6 0	8 14 7	3 5 9	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	15 0 4	10 0 0	208 0 0	4 270 0 0	277	...	...	...		
...	1 4 6	3 2 0	...	...	1 1 6	...	5 8 0	5 6 6	114 8 0	311 6 6	278	...	...	...		
...	1 0 0	4 3 3	...	...	1 0 0	...	6 3 3	6 17 6	178 3 3	181 17 6	279	...	...	...		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 0 0	...	66 0 0	...	...	...	...	
22 2 4	135 4 6	21 15 7	9 14 0	27 15 1	10 12 4	242 3 10	236 10 2	4598 3 10	5080 10 2	...	...	...	...	...

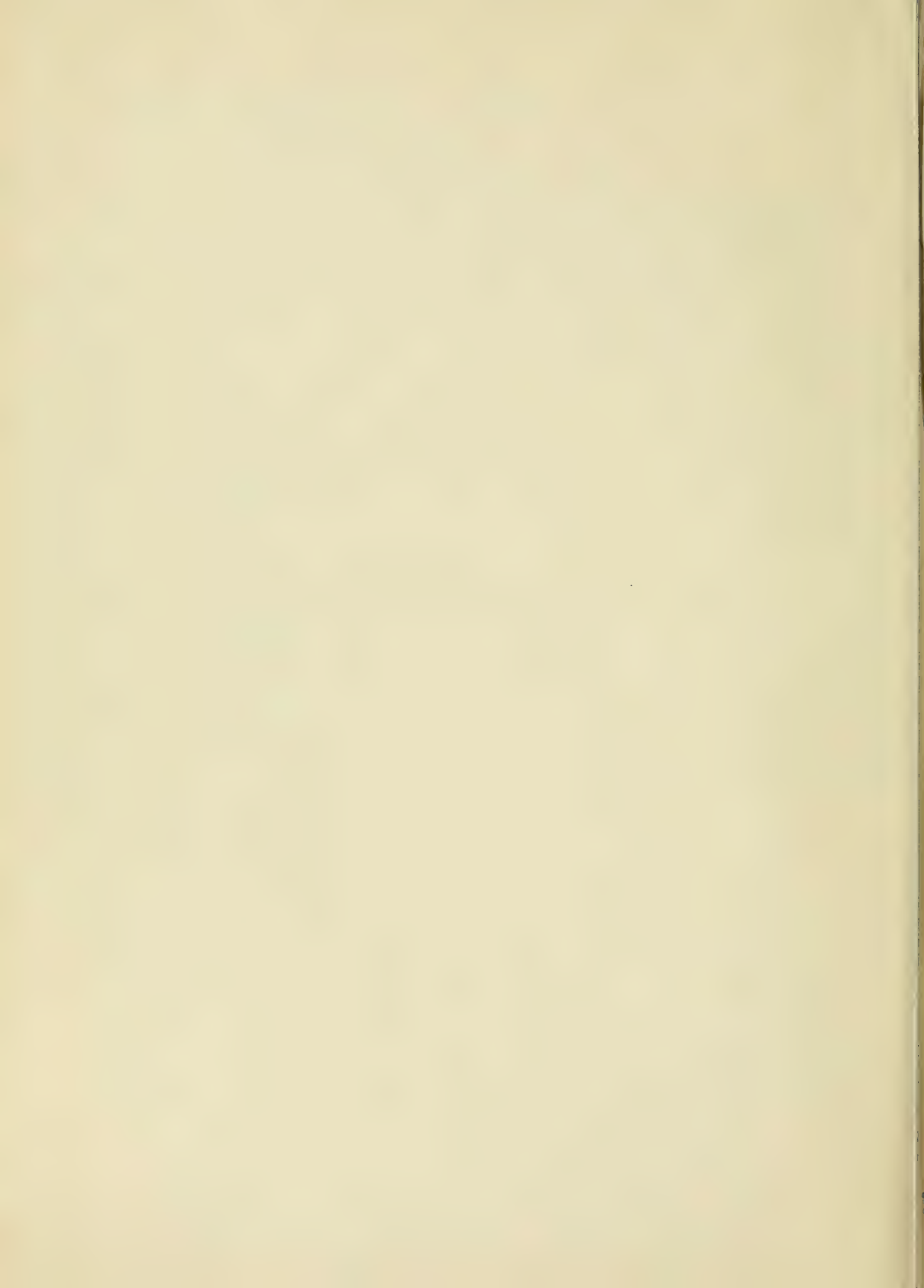
SUMMARY—

No.	PRESBYTERIES, &c.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.			Synod Fund.			Sustentation Fund Aid-Giving.			Thanksgiving Fund.	
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.												
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.	Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.															
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.
1	Berwick ...	1534	185	1427	681	3827	555	4382	3247	1550	14	4	55	16	8	83	4	7	...	
2	Birmingham ...	1157	580	2400	650	4787	929	5716	3430	2037	6	4	45	3	0	35	0	0	...	
3	Bristol ...	1125	458	2526	722	4831	1322	6153	2895	1441	0	0	40	0	0	166	0	0	...	
4	Carlisle ...	794	268	1692	306	3060	546	3606	2837	1829	7	9	35	13	1	91	3	6	...	
5	Darlington ...	886	889	3276	473	5524	6349	11873	3935	2681	6	7	62	10	0	31	8	9	...	
6	Liverpool ...	8174	2020	7834	5641	23669	9041	32710	13014	6330	7	0	238	0	0	1469	16	7	30	0
7	London ...	16386	4983	20724	9514	51607	13278	64885	30529	13814	9	0	465	18	0	2961	19	9	160	0
8	Manchester ...	4393	976	7439	2294	15102	3204	18306	9610	2911	15	6	155	0	0	418	15	6	10	0
9	Newcastle ...	4568	539	9938	2420	17465	5563	23028	11749	4372	12	9	198	5	0	545	17	9	7	0
10	Northumberland	1813	372	1541	207	3933	423	4356	4794	3055	11	4	62	0	0	15	0	0	...	
11	Donations, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	841	12	4	14	6	8	841	12	4	25	0
12	Scholarships ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...			...			...
13	Church Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...			...			...
14	Aged and Infirm Ministers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...			...			...
15	Widows and Orphans ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...			...			...
16	Women's Missionary Association	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...			...			...
17	Free Church of Scotland ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...			...			...
		40830	11270	58797	22908	133805	41210	175015	86040	40866	2	11	1372	12	5	66	9	18	232	0

II. FINANCIAL.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.

Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.	Jewish Missions.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.		No.
							1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	
							£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
10	7	188 6 5	14 0 9	10 3 3	22 9 3	12 19 0	366 13 10	347 11 1	4748 13 10	4226 11 1	1
18	5	199 0 10	12 16 7	6 6 3	5 6 0	1 1 6	286 9 7	253 18 4	6002 9 7	5483 18 4	2
14	9	222 14 6	16 9 1	10 1 0	31 7 5	3 6 8	476 13 5	544 14 8	6629 13 5	5266 14 8	3
1	0	128 17 6	13 13 0	4 1 0	17 3 0	5 2 0	288 1 0	272 1 10	3894 1 0	5411 1 10	4
7	2	430 8 0	19 16 0	1 16 0	25 2 9	5 10 9	550 9 5	3552 9 4	12123 9 5	16088 9 4	5
17	7	2115 3 6	170 18 8	97 13 9	220 15 9	56 8 11	4452 14 9	4823 16 11	37262 14 9	36637 16 11	6
7	11	3620 12 10	474 18 10	223 18 7	445 15 11	98 10 9	8731 4 7	9852 2 11	73616 4 7	82635 2 11	7
10	8	682 10 1	50 5 9	24 11 9	74 12 4	30 16 0	1436 2 1	1731 5 5	19742 2 1	24833 5 5	8
1	11	542 19 10	59 14 7	27 13 2	71 18 2	33 8 10	1416 14 3	1462 0 9	24444 14 3	23676 0 9	9
2	4	135 4 6	21 15 7	9 14 0	27 15 1	10 12 4	242 3 10	236 10 2	4598 3 10	5080 10 2	10
17	10	6207 12 8	27 7 6	112 14 0	2535 16 8	10 7 0	10822 8 0	18503 13 4	10822 8 0	18503 13 4	11
...	...	...	...	...	395 14 2	...	395 14 2	408 4 5	395 14 2	408 4 5	12
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1096 15 3	210 8 6	1096 15 3	210 8 6	13
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	300 1 2	301 3 11	300 1 2	301 3 11	14
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3139 15 10	3967 12 8	3139 15 10	3967 12 8	15
...	...	1951 9 11	...	...	...	...	1951 9 11	2414 13 0	1951 9 11	2414 13 0	16
12	10	...	...	...	...	...	150 12 10	150 1 2	150 12 10	150 1 2	17
3	0	16425 0 7	881 16 4	528 12 9	3873 16 6	268 3 9	36204 3 11	49032 8 5	211219 3 11	235295 8 5	5



ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH.

THE SUSTENTATION FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

Cr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1883.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
To payments to Ministers direct ...	38,987	15	7				By Receipts from Congregations	...	40,024	10	7
" " through Widows' Fund	901	10	0				" " Donations	...	77	3	5
Rev. J. M. Ross				39,889	5	7	" Dividends from Muter Estate	...	764	8	11
" W. Dunn				200	0	0					
" Mrs. Galt, annuity (2½ years)				95	0	0					
" Proportion of Office Charges...				55	0	0					
" Travelling Expenses				394	6	9					
" Synod Printing				41	15	7					
" College Rent				50	6	4					
" Teas at College (2 years)				8	10	0					
" Cost of Inserting Monthly Contributions in 'Messenger' (2 years)				13	8	11					
" Grant towards cost of supplement in June 'Messenger'				12	0	0					
" Collecting-books, Stationery & Printing				5	0	0					
" Cheque Book				20	5	11					
" Expenses of Deputations re Triennial Arrangements				4	3	4					
" Northumberland Presbytery Expenses re Negotiations for Union of Congregations				44	7	9					
				8	11	6					
				40,842	1	8					
				24	1	3					
				£40,866	2	11					
" Balance carried to Reserve Fund									£40,866	2	11

THE RESERVE FUND (SUSTENTATION FUND) in account with the TREASURERSHIP

Cr.

COMMITTEE.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank carried down	...	1,684	7 9	By Balance from last account	...	1,660	6 6
				" Balance from General Account, as above	...	24	1 3
						<u>£1,684</u>	<u>7 9</u>
				" Balance brought down	...	1,684	7 9
						<u>£1,684</u>	<u>7 9</u>

Audited and found correct,
Queen Victoria Street, London. E.C.

ROBT. A. McLEAN.
E. & O. E.

JNO. LEGGAT.

Audited and found correct,

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C. ROBT. A. McLEAN,

E. & O. E.

JNO. LEGGAT,

Dr. MUTER ESTATE—INTEREST ACCOUNT *in account with the TRUSTEES,* Cr.
For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1883.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Dividends paid over to Sustentation Fund General Account	764	8	11	By Dividends received—			
				London, Chatham, and Dover Railway £1,500 Arbitration Preference Stock, half-year to December 31, 1882	32	14	7
				" " " " June 30, 1883	27	9	0
				" Barlow & Jones (Limited) on 50 shares half-year to December 31, 1882	17	10	0
				" " " " quarter to March 31, 1883	8	15	0
				" " " " half-year to September 30, 1883	17	10	0
				" Caledonian Railway Coy. on £8,360 Ordinary Stock half-year to January 31, 1883	203	6	10
				" " " " on £1,554 Consolidated Preference Stock July 31, 1883	163	7	0
				" 5 % half-year to January 31, 1883	37	15	11
				" " " " July 31, 1883	37	19	0
				" North British Railway Company on £1,400 Edinburgh and Glasgow 4½ % Preference, half-year to January 31, 1883	30	12	11
				" " " " July 31, 1883	30	15	4
				" New Zealand Consolidated 4 % Stock on £4,000, half-year to May 1, 1883	78	6	8
				" " " " November 1, 1883	78	6	8
					£764	8	11

No CHANGES IN CAPITAL DURING 1883.

£764 8 11

Audited and found correct,
ROBT. A. McLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor,*
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 21, 1884.

INVESTMENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1883.

£	
8,360	Caledonian Railway Consolidated Ordinary Stock.
1,554	" " 5 % Preference Stock.
2,725	" " Deferred Ordinary Stock.
1,400	North British Railway Edinburgh and Glasgow 4½ % Preference Stock.
1,500	London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Arbitration Preference 4½ % Stock.
14,000	" " " " Ordinary Stock.
4,000	New Zealand 4 % Consolidated Stock.
50 Shares	in Barlow & Jones (Limited), £6 paid, £2 paid in advance.

THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND

In account with the

TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1883.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Allowances from Fund ...	155	0	0	By Balance from last year	58	12	5
" Investments made during year ...	102	10	0	" Interest on Investments	287	6	2
" Proportion of Office Charges ...	11	5	4	" Income Tax returned ...	7	5	0
" Travelling Expenses	4	3	3	" Congregational Contributions	5	10	0
" College Rent	1	0	0				
" Teas at College	1	6	11				
" Synod Printing	3	12	4				
	278	17	10				
" Balance in bank ...	79	15	9				
	£358	13	7	" Balance brought down ...	£358	13	7
					79	15	9

Dr.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance ...	6,309	6	11	By Sundry Investments at Cost Price at December 31, 1882	6,127	1	2
				" Amount invested during 1883	102	10	0
				" Cash in Bank as above ...	6,229	11	2
	£6,309	6	11		79	15	9
					£6,309	6	11

Audited and found correct.

ROBT. A. MCLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1884.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1883.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

INVESTMENTS at DECEMBER 31, 1883.

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1,500	0	0	Great Eastern Railway,	200	0	0
360	0	0	4% Preference Stock.	...	...	...
1,000	0	0	5% Debenture Stock.	100	0	0
143	0	0	Birkenhead Railway,	104	19	0
300	0	0	4½% Preference Stock.	...	...	...
150	0	0	Great Western Railway,	...	...	...
100	0	0	5% Guaranteed Stock.	...	...	...
49	12	6	North British Railway,	...	...	...
...	...	...	5% Preference Stock, 1874.	...	...	...
...	...	...	Metropolitan Railway,	...	...	...
...	...	...	4% Debenture Stock.	...	...	...
...	...	...	Caledonian Railway,	...	...	...
...	...	...	4% Consolidated Guaranteed Stock.	...	...	...
...	...	...	East India Railway,	...	...	...
...	...	...	Annuities Class B.	...	...	...

Illinois Central Railroad,
 6% Sterling Bonds.
 ...
 New Zealand,
 5% Government Consolidated Loan.
 ...
 India,
 4% Stock.
 ...
 United States,
 4½% Funded Loan, 1891.
 ...
 London and North-Western Railway,
 4% Guaranteed Stock.
 ...
 New Zealand,
 4% Consolidated Stock.
 ...
 Cape of Good Hope.
 ...
 4½% Government Bonds.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

INVESTMENTS at DECEMBER 31, 1883.

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
806	0	0	London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway,	300	0	0
112	0	0	Consolidated Preference 5% Stock.	...	...	...
550	0	0	5% Consolidated Guaranteed Stock.	800	0	0
1,610	0	0	North British Railway,	...	...	...
2,044	0	0	6% Monkland Preference Stock.	2,400	0	0
2,125	0	0	Great Western Railway,	...	...	...
600	0	0	5% Consolidated Preference Stock.	600	0	0
550	0	0	Caledonian Railway,	1,400	0	0
1,063	0	0	4% Consolidated Preference Stock, No. 1.	...	...	...
400	0	0	4% Consolidated Preference Stock, No. 2.	2,228	11	5
1,555	0	0	South-Eastern Railway,	...	...	...
676	0	0	4% Consolidated Guaranteed Stock.	2,783	0	4
...	...	...	5% Consolidated Preference Stock.	...	...	...
...	...	...	London and North-Western Railway,	1,000	0	0
...	...	...	4% Consolidated Preference Stock.	...	...	...
...	...	...	Midland Railway,	1,000	0	0
...	...	...	5% Consolidated Perpetual Preference Stock.	...	...	...
...	...	...	Great Eastern Railway,	600	0	0
...	...	...	4% Preference Stock.	...	...	...
...	...	...	Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway,	500	0	0
...	...	...	4% Guaranteed South Yorkshire Rent Charge	...	...	...
...	...	...	Stock.	...	...	...

Metropolitan Railway.
 4% Preference Stock.
 Scinde, Punjab, and Delhi Railway,
 5% Guaranteed Capital Stock.
 Illinois Central Railroad,
 5% Sterling Sinking Fund Bonds, 1903.
 Pennsylvania Railroad,
 6% Consolidated Mortgage Bonds.
 City of Montreal,
 5% Sterling Loan Bonds.
 India,
 4% Stock.
 New Zealand,
 4% Consolidated Stock.
 Cape of Good Hope,
 4½% Government Bonds.
 Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Coy. Lim.
 4% Debenture Stock.
 Victoria Government.
 4% Debenture Railway Loan (£200 of 1873,
 £400 of 1876).
 Queensland Government,
 4% Debenture Loan 1915.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

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Dr. **MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND** in account with the **TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE**, Cr.
For Year ended **DECEMBER 31, 1883.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Annuities	755	0	0
" Premiums returned to Members withdrawn, 60 per cent.	54	0	0
" Proportion of Office Charges	56	6	8
" " Travelling Expenses	10	9	1
" " College Rent	0	0	0
" " Teas at College	3	7	3
" " Synod Printing	8	5	1
" Stationery and Printing	8	15	9
" Investments made during the Year	90	3	10
				2,096	5	0
				2,995	8	10
" Balance in Bank	223	13	5
				£3,219	2	3
By Balance from last Year
" Interest on Capital	1,064	16	1
" Income Tax returned	35	9	10
" Donations on account £2,000 additional Capital	176	10	11
" Induction and Marriage Fees	180	9	0
" Ministers' Premiums	1,082	10	0
				3,139	15	10
" Balance brought down	£3,219	2	3
				223	13	5

ANNUITIES FUND.

To Paid Annuitants as per General Account	£	s.	d.
" Balance	...	755	0
	...	13,099	17
	...	9	9
		£13,854	17
			9
By Balance from 1882	...	...	...
" 70 per Cent. on Members' Contributions of £1,682 10s.	...	11,576	16
" Interest on Capital and Income Tax returned	...	1,177	15
	...	1,100	5
		£13,854	17
			9

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Premiums returned per General Account	...	54	0	0	By Balance from 1882	...	...
" Incidental Expenses	...	90	3	10	" 30 per Cent. on Members' Contributions of £1,682 10s.	...	12,508 12 6
" Balance	...	...	...	...	" Donations, Fees, &c.	...	504 15 0
	...	13,226	3	7		...	356 19 11
	£13,370	7	5			£13,370	7 5

For Auditor's Certificate see under 'Balance Sheet,' next page.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP

Dr.

COMMITTEE.—BALANCE SHEET.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Annuities' Fund...	13,099 17 9	By Sundry Investments at Cost Price	...	...	26,102 7 11
" Capital "	13,226 3 7	" Cash in Bank ...	...	...	223 13 5
			£26,326 1 4				£26,326 1 4

In conformity with the Rules of the Fund I have audited the above accounts, found them correct, examined the securities, and sent to the Committee, through the Treasurership Committee, a Valuation of the same as on December 31, 1883.

ROBT. A. MCLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1883.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1883.
JOHN LEGGAT, *Financial Secretary.*

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1883.

DONATIONS ON ACCOUNT OF £2,000 ADDITIONAL CAPITAL.				DONATIONS—continued.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Rev. R. P. Douglas	1 0 0	Brought forward ...	...	16 12 0	176 10 11
Thomas Drysdale, Esq.	100 0 0	Grimsby	...	4 0 0	
Rev. John Watson	4 3 4	Redcar...	...	4 0 0	
Reyner Trust Fund	20 0 0	Chester	...	3 12 0	
CONGREGATIONS:				Canterbury	...	6 0 0	
Birkenhead, Grange Road	31 15 0	Edenbridge	...	4 0 0	
Liverpool, Queen's Road	3 2 7	London, Camden Road	...	12 0 0	
London, Clapham Road	9 0 0	" Crouch Hill	...	12 0 0	
" Hampstead	7 10 0	" Forest Hill	...	10 0 0	
			176 10 11	" Silvertown	...	4 0 0	
INDUCTION FEES.				" Stoke Newington	...	7 0 0	
Berwick, Church Street	4 0 0	Manchester, Ancoats	...	5 0 0	
Leicester	4 0 0	" Pendleton	...	6 0 0	
Walsall...	4 12 0	Walker	...	4 0 0	
Aberdare	4 0 0	Morpeth	...	4 15 0	
				Marriage Fees	...	...	102 19 0
Carried forward	16 12 0				77 10 0
			176 10 11				356 19 11

HOME MISSION FUND—Balance Sheet.

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THE HOME MISSION FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

Cr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1883.

Dr.

To Grants :—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. Church Extension Grants ...	... 1,256 17 6		
II. Evangelistic Grants—			
1. Mission Congregations £230 0 0			
2. Employment of Students 40 0 0			
3. Half Expenses of Evangelistic Services ... 32 4 10			
4. Congregational Mission Stations ... 25 0 0			
5. Services to Militia ... 5 0 0			
	332 4 10	1,589 2 4	
Proportion of Office Charges ...		112 13 4	
" Travelling Expenses ...		32 17 2	
" Teas at College ...		10 1 8	
" College Rent ...		7 10 0	
" Synod Printing ...		38 14 2	
" Printing and Stationery ... Range		2 2 4	
" Expenses of Deputations to Whalley and Ramsbottom ...		4 19 3	
" Synod Deputies ...		47 7 7	
" Transferred to Deposit account ...		1,000 0 0	
Balance in Bank ...		2,845 7 10	
		1,267 10 1	
		<u>£4,112 17 11</u>	
Audited and found correct.			

Audited and found correct,

ROBERT A. MCLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1884.

F. & O. F.

U. & C. F.
December 31, 1883.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

GRANTS PAID FROM HOME MISSION FUND, for Year ended December 31, 1883.

I.—CHURCH EXTENSION GRANTS.						2. Employment of Students.						3. Half Expenses of Evangelistic Services.						4. Congregational Mission Stations.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
<i>Presbytery of Birmingham—</i>							<i>Presbytery of Bristol—</i>				<i>Presbytery of Birmingham—</i>				<i>Presbytery of Bristol—</i>				<i>Presbytery of London—</i>				
Leicester	100	0	0				Gotherington	50	0	0	Birmingham, New John Street				Gloicester	37	10	0	Willesden				
Walsall	12	10	0				London, Bermondsey	37	10	0	Dudley				Hull, Prospect Street	68	15	0	Rev. J. Christie				
							" Row Road	12	10	0	Nottingham				"	7	10	0					
<i>Presbytery of Bristol—</i>							" Richmond	25	0	0	Shrewsbury				<i>Presbytery of Liverpool—</i>								
Swindon							" Silvertown	51	17	6				Birkenhead Hamilton									
Harrogate							" Stoke Newington	62	10	0				"	311	5	0						
Scarborough							St. Leonards-on-Sea	100	0	0				Silverhill									
Stockton, St. George's							Wallington	37	10	0				<i>Presbytery of London—</i>									
York														Wigan									
<i>Presbytery of Liverpool—</i>																							
Walton																							
<i>Presbytery of London—</i>																							
Canterbury																							
London, Bermondsey																							
" Row Road																							
" Richmond																							
" Silvertown																							
" Stoke Newington																							
St. Leonards-on-Sea																							
Wallington																							
<i>Presbytery of Manchester—</i>																							
Leeds, St. Columba																							
Manchester, Eccles																							
" Harpurhey																							
" Whalley Range																							
Oldham																							
Preston																							
Ramsbottom																							
<i>Presbytery of Newcastle—</i>																							
Seaham																							
Special Grant made to Bow Road																							

CHURCH BUILDING FUND AND AID AND LOAN FUND.

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THE CHURCH BUILDING FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1883.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Grants:—						
Stockton, St. George's	375	0	0	By Balance from last year	1,708	3 4
Streatham	375	0	0	" Subscriptions £1,096 15s. 3d., of which four-fifths =	877	8 2
" Expenses of Exeter Hall Meeting	43	9	4			
" Subscription Forms and Pamphlets	28	10	0			
" Proportion of Office Charges	45	1	3			
" Travelling Expenses	10	9	4			
" College Rent	5	0	0			
" Teas at College	3	7	3			
" Synod Printing	11	6	1			
Of which	147	3	3			
Four-fifths =	117	14	7			
" Architect's Fees	10	10	0			
Balance in Bank	878	4	7			
	1,707	6	11			
	£2,585	11	6			
				" Balance brought down	...	...
						£2,585 11 6
						1,707 6 11

THE AID AND LOAN FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1883.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	41	4	9	By Subscriptions, one-fifth of £1,096 15s. 3d. as above	219	7 1
" Grants, viz. :—				" Loans repaid	105	0 0
" West Hartlepool (Loan)	250	0	0			
" Bellingham	200	0	0			
" Seabam Harbour	250	0	0			
" Thropton	20	0	0			
" One-fifth of Expenses as above	720	0	0	" Balance overdrawn	324	7 1
" Architect's Fees	29	8	8			
	21	0	0			
	£811	13	5			
Balance overdrawn	487	6	4			
						£811 13 5

Audited and found correct,

1 Queen Victoria Street, London,
February 15, 1884.

ROBT. A. McLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

E. & O. E.

December 31, 1883.

JNO. LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

(620)

The Foreign Missions Fund in account

For Year ended

<i>Dr.</i>					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To <i>Missionaries' Salaries</i> —										
AMOY,	Rev. W. S. Swanson ...	...	...	...	450	0	0			
	Rev. Wm. Macgregor ...	...	...	...	450	0	0			
	Rev. Robert Gordon ...	...	...	...	360	0	0			
	Rev. Henry Thompson ...	...	...	...	350	0	0			
	Rev. John Watson ...	...	...	...	314	3	4			
	Rev. Dr. A. L. Macleish ...	...	...	...	330	0	0			
SWATOW,	Dr. Grant ...	...	...	...	250	0	0			
	Rev. George Smith ...	...	...	...	296	16	8			
	Rev. H. L. Mackenzie ...	...	...	...	380	0	0			
	Rev. William Duffus ...	...	...	...	380	0	0			
	Rev. Jno. C. Gibson ...	...	...	...	267	10	0			
	Rev. D. MacIver ...	...	...	...	250	0	0			
	Rev. Dr. Wm. Riddell ...	...	...	...	314	9	1			
	Dr. Alex. Lyall ...	...	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. John F. McPhun ...	...	...	...	208	6	8			
	Mr. Wm. Paton (Missionary Teacher) ...	...	...	...	265	7	4			
FORMOSA,	Rev. William Campbell ...	...	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. Thomas Barclay ...	...	...	...	250	0	0			
	Rev. David Smith (to July 25) ...	...	...	...	255	1	4			
	Rev. William Thow ...	...	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. J. L. Maxwell (10 months to Oct. 31) ...	...	...	...	180	0	0			
	Dr. Anderson ...	...	...	...	320	0	0			
SINGAPORE,	Rev. W. R. Thompson ...	...	...	...	255	15	3			
	Rev. James Main (from Dec. 1, 1882) ...	...	...	...	229	3	4			
	Rev. J. A. B. Cook ...	...	...	...	316	3	4			
								7,502	16	4
„ <i>Widows' and Orphans' Fund</i> , extra premium for residence abroad of										
	26 Missionaries ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	130	0	0
„ <i>Passage Money</i> —										
	Rev. R. Gordon and family, homewards...	...	...	...	163	18	2			
	Rev. W. S. Swanson, to and from the Cape	...	...	...	81	10	0			
	Rev. Thomas Barclay, outwards	...	...	...	59	0	6			
	Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, outwards	...	...	...	117	16	6			
	Dr. Cousland, outwards	...	...	...	66	4	8			
	Mr. and Mrs. Ede, outwards	...	...	...	142	18	1			
	Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell, outwards	...	...	...	135	8	4			
								766	16	3
To <i>Travelling Expenses of Missionaries in England on</i>										
	<i>Deputation work</i> ...	...	...	...				66	19	2
„ <i>Outfit of Missionaries</i> —										
	Dr. P. B. Cousland (Medical) ...	...	...	...	110	0	0			
	Mr. and Mrs. Ede ...	...	...	...	75	0	0			
	Rev. J. C. Gibson (Return) ...	...	...	...	25	0	0			
	Mrs. Gibson ...	...	...	...	25	0	0			
	Rev. T. Barclay (Return) ...	...	...	...	25	0	0			
	Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell (Medical, £3 7s. 3d.) ...	...	...	...	40	17	3			
								300	17	3
Carried forward		...	...	...				8,767	9	0

with the Treasurership Committee,

DECEMBER 31, 1883.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year ... ..	...	...	...	890	1	5
" " Old Singapore account, now transferred ...	...	...	...	95	0	0
<i>Congregational Contributions—</i>						
From Presbytery of Berwick	158	10	9			
" Birmingham	34	6	2			
" Bristol	147	9	7			
" Carlisle	61	14	11			
" Darlington	360	10	1			
" Liverpool	1,721	9	0			
" London	3,041	15	1			
" Manchester	436	14	4			
" Newcastle	391	15	5			
" Northumberland	80	2	6			
				6,434	7	10
„ <i>Juvenile Fund</i>				1,839	16	1
<i>Colonial and Continental Contributions—</i>						
Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, per Rev.						
Isaac Mackay	60	0	0			
George Howat, Esq., Melbourne	20	0	0			
Dr. Murray Thompson, Rooskee, India	20	0	0			
Free Evangelical Church of Germany—						
Breslau	3	9	6			
Bystrei	2	8	9			
Görlitz	3	16	9			
				9	15	0
per the Hon. James Balfour, Melbourne—						
Rev. A. Simpson	2	2	0			
Bible Class Missionary Box... ..	3	19	1			
In Memoriam 'May'	1	6	2			
	7	7	3			
Less Exchange and Stamp	0	1	6			
				7	5	9
„ <i>Edinburgh Committee of Scottish Auxiliary Associations, for Salaries of—</i>				117	0	9
Rev. Wm. McGregor	430	0	0			
Rev. George Smith	308	6	8			
Rev. W. Duffus	380	0	0			
Rev. D. McIver	250	0	0			
Dr. Lyall	250	0	0			
Rev. Dr. Riddell	320	0	0			
Dr. McPhun	250	0	0			
	2,188	6	8			
Subscriptions to Widows' and Orphans' Fund	35	0	0			
Salaries of Native Evangelists, &c.	500	0	0			
				2,723	6	8
„ <i>Union Thanksgiving Fund—</i>						
NEWCASTLE—						
John Knox				0	10	0
Carried forward				12,100	2	9

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

(622)

Dr.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND *in account*

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	...	...		
To <i>Home Charges</i> —							
	The "Gospel in China"	£160	15	2		8767	9 0
	<i>Less</i> donations received on account	0	17	6			
					159	17	8
	Illustrations for "Children's Messenger"	...	22	0 9			
	" " "Gospel in China"	...	23	8 4			
	Insertion of Juvenile Contributions in "Children's Messenger"	...	31	0 6			
	Annual Reports	...	39	19 0			
	Share of Synod Reports and Printing	...	62	5 2			
	Share of Office Charges	...	225	6 9			
	Travelling Expenses of Presbytery Representatives and Members of Committee	...	31	9 7			
	Missionary Boxes, Children's Cards, &c.	...	47	18 3			
	Books, Maps, Advertisements, and Printing	...	7	18 1			
	Messengers and Posting to Missionaries and Home Correspondents	...	15	4 6			
	Share of College Rent	...	12	10 0			
	" Teas at College	...	10	1 8			
	Interest on Overdrawn Account and Loan from Bank	...	69	0 5			
					758	0	8
„ <i>Amoy Mission Expenses, viz.</i> —				Dols.	Dols.		
	Salaries of 35 Native Preachers	...	...	2,281	50		
	" 23 Teachers	...	...	935			
	" 21 Chapel-keepers	...	...	499			
	" 2 Colporteurs	...	...	90			
	Support of 14 Students	...	...	351			
	Wages of 8 Boatmen	...	...	494			
	Rents of Chapels and Houses	...	...	586			
	Building, Repairing, and Furnishing Chapels	...	...	1,450	17		
	Passages, Travelling Expenses, Consular Fees, &c.	...	...	632	48		
	Maintaining and Repairing Kolongsu Houses	...	...	422	29		
	Chin-Chew Hospital Expenses	...	429	91			
	<i>Less</i> Donations received	...	215	00			
					214	91	
	Amoy Dispensary Expenses	...	150	90			
	<i>Less</i> Sale of Medicine	...	74	00			
					76	90	
	Students' Seminary Expenses	...	...	87	60		
	River Boats Expenses	...	...	80	76		
	Gospel Boat and Steam Launch Expenses	...	...	561	15		
	Allowance to 3 Widows	...	...	25			
	Boys' School Expenses	...	248	05			
	<i>Less</i> Fees...	...	36	18			
	„ Received from American Mission	...	178	81	214	99	
					33	06	
	Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	...	203	78		
					9,024	60	
	Received from Girls' School for Expenses, 1881-83	...	878	53			
	<i>Less</i> Girls' School Building and Current Expenses	...	276	90			
				601	63		
	Received from American Mission for Medical Attendance	...	150	40			
	Sale of Books, &c.	...	31	70			
	Carried forward	...	783	73	9,024	60	9,525 9 8

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

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		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	...				12,100	2	9
<i>By Legacies—</i>							
The late Mrs. C. Parlane, Manchester	...	1,000	0	0			
„ Donald Mackay, Thurso (annuity)	...	10	0	0			
					1,010	0	0
<i>„ Donations—</i>							
James Alexander, jun., Esq.	...	100	0	0			
William Amos, Esq.	...	4	0	0			
“An Aged Christian,” per Rev. Dr. Mackay	...	13	0	0			
“Anonymous,” per Rev. T. Barclay, on account of							
Formosa Boys’ School	...	300	0	0			
“Anonymous,” per Rev. J. Mellis	...	20	0	0			
“J. B.”	...	25	0	0			
Rev. Thomas Barclay	...	50	0	0			
“Berwick” (2 donations)	...	50	0	0			
William Bingham, Esq.	...	25	0	0			
Rev. J. Howie Boyd, B.D.	...	5	0	0			
Wm. Brander, Esq.	...	40	0	0			
James Byers, Esq.	...	2	0	0			
Mrs. Caley	...	2	0	0			
Mrs. Campbell	...	0	12	0			
H. J. Cannan, Esq.	...	5	0	0			
Miss S. Carmichael	...	0	10	0			
James Cloudesley, Esq.	...	5	0	0			
Dr. and Mrs. Crabbe	...	2	0	0			
R. Hunter Craig, Esq., for Formosa	...	20	0	0			
James K. Cruikshank, Esq.	...	1	0	0			
John Cunliffe, Esq.	...	100	0	0			
“D. M. M.”	...	1	0	0			
“E. S.” on account of New Mission, Chao-chow-foo	...	1	0	0			
Mrs. Evershed	...	1	0	0			
Misses Fernie, Waterloo	...	30	2	0			
Mr. and Mrs. Fraser	...	1	9	0			
“A Friend”	...	100	0	0			
“A Friend”	...	2	0	0			
“A Friend”	...	7	0	0			
“A Friend”	...	20	0	0			
“A Friend”	...	25	0	0			
“A Friend,” per G. F. Barbour, Esq., for Chao-chow-foo	...	100	0	0			
“A Friend,” per James E. Mathieson, Esq.	...	50	0	0			
“Friends in Sunderland,” collected by Miss Miller	...	3	2	6			
“G. H. D.”	...	1	1	0			
L. Gibson, Esq.	...	3	3	0			
Mrs. Grange	...	0	10	0			
James Grant, Esq.	...	3	0	0			
T. K. Hardie, Esq.	...	10	0	0			
Mrs. Peter Hardie	...	10	0	0			
Mrs. Hills	...	0	10	0			
Invergordon Free Church	...	22	8	0			
A. R. Johnstone, Esq.	...	10	0	0			
William Just, Esq.	...	2	2	0			
C. J. Kerr, Esq.	...	1	0	0			
Capt. H. King, R.N.	...	1	0	0			
John Leckie, Esq.	...	2	0	0			
<i>Liverpool Presbytery—Special Donations—</i>							
R. B. Forman, Esq.	...	£5	0	0			
Alex. Guthrie, Esq.	...	5	0	0			
David Jardine, Esq.	...	50	0	0			
Carried forward		60	0	0	1,178	9	6
					13,110	2	9

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

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Dr.		THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND <i>in account</i>			
		Dols.	Dols.	£	s. d.
	Brought forward ...	783·73	9,024·60	9,525	9 8
To <i>Amy Mission Expenses</i> (continued)—					
	Native Contributions for Preachers ...	151·90			
	" " Douglas Church				
	Expenses ...	24·00			
	Balance from last account ...	68·46			
			1,028·09		
			Dollars 7,996·51 or		
			£1,573 19 4		
	Medicines sent from England ...		182 7 11		
				1,756	7 3
„ <i>Swatow Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—					
	Salaries of 11 Native Preachers ...	...	748·		
	" 11 " Teachers ...	...	491·06		
	" 13 " Chapel-keepers ...	...	402·40		
	" 4 Boatmen ...	...	203·50		
	Support of 24 Students ...	...	610·45		
	College Expenses ...	...	155·15		
	Rent, Repairs, and General Expenses ...	...	663·28		
	Travelling Expenses, including Mr. Mackenzie's journey to Singapore ...	...	654·45		
	Help towards purchasing and building Chapels ...	...	683·33		
	Books, Printing Press, Colportage and Station Expenses ...	...	493·30		
	Girls' School Expenses and Repairs ...	739·32			
	<i>Less</i> Fees and Work sold ...	176·60			
			562·72		
	Boys' School Expenses ...	686·95			
	<i>Less</i> Fees, &c. ...	225·13			
			461·82		
	Hakka Mission Expenses, including wages of 44 Preachers, 12 Students, 5 Chapel Keepers and 9 Teachers ...	...	2,191·47		
	Balance in Treasurer's hands ...	...	392·40		
			8,713·33		
	Balance from last account ...	392·87			
	Received from Presbytery's Preaching Fund	274·45			
	Donation from Capt. McDonald ...	4·00			
	" " Rev. G. Smith ...	20·00			
	" " "A Friend" ...	28·33			
	Contribution from Kaikorai, Otago, £5=	26·97			
	National Bible Society of Scotland for Salaries of Colporteurs ...	78·48			
	Sales of "Swatow Vocabulary" ...	140·00	965·10		
			£7,748·23 or	1,448	17 7
	„ Building Swatow Sanitarium ...	...		500	0 0
„ <i>Formosa Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—					
	Salaries of 34 Native Preachers ...	...	2,367·		
	" 10 Teachers ...	...	486·50		
	" Chapel Keepers ...	...	166·		
	" College Tutor and Students ...	...	335·50		
	Missionaries' Residences ...	...	6,459·17		
	Travelling Expenses ...	...	1,030·29		
	Hospital Expenses ...	767·29			
	<i>Less</i> Donations and Sales... ..	613·04			
			154·25		
	Carried forward	10,998·71	13,230	14 6

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Brought forward	60	0	0	1,178	9	6	13	110	2	9
By Donations (continued)—										
William Johnston, Esq. ...	5	0	0							
John Roxburgh, Esq. ...	25	0	0							
James Smith, Esq. ...	20	0	0							
				110	0	0				
Dr. Lyall ...				3	5	0				
James Macandrew, Esq. ...				5	0	0				
"A. McL." ...				10	0	0				
Rev. D. McIver ...				15	0	0				
D. McKechnie, Esq. ...				100	0	0				
Miss J. Mackichan ...				5	0	0				
Robert McNab, Esq., per Rev. R. Gordon				5	0	0				
Dr. McPhun ...				10	0	0				
Thomas McQuarrie, Esq. (3 donations) ...				5	16	9				
Rev. Dr. Magill (2 donations) ...				2	0	0				
Thomas Matheson, Esq., for Hospital Buildings, Chao-chow-foo ...				50	0	0				
Per Dr. Maxwell—										
Miss Crothers ...	20	0	0							
Rev. A. Cusin, on account of Formosa Boys' Boarding School ...	1	1	9							
"The Ferns," Frognaal, for quinine ...	2	10	0							
Miss Goodall ...	1	0	0							
"M. M. M." ...	5	0	0							
Miss Royston ...	1	0	0							
Miss W. ...	0	1	0							
"A. W.," Glasgow ...	0	5	0							
Mrs. Warrick ...	3	0	0							
				33	17	9				
A Minister's Contribution ...				2	5	6				
Andrew Mitchell, Esq. ...				30	0	0				
James Mitchell, Esq. ...				50	0	0				
Misses Nickson ...				2	0	0				
Miss Sarah Perry ...				0	17	6				
Reginald Radcliffe, Esq. ...				1	0	0				
"A Reader of the 'British Evangelist' " per Rev. Dr. Mackay ...				1	0	0				
Rev. Dr. Riddel ...				14	8	11				
Rev. J. G. Van-Rijn ...				2	0	0				
"S. S." ...				100	0	0				
"Scotland" ...				10	0	0				
"A Sympathiser with Missions" ...				4	4	0				
Rev. Wm. Thow ...				5	0	0				
"W. C." ...				1	0	0				
"W. J." ...				1	1	0				
Miss E. C. Wakinshaw ...				1	0	0				
James Wallace, Esq. (donation)				5	5	0				
" (subscription)				2	2	0				
Misses Waterhouse ...				5	0	0				
Rev. John Watson ...				10	0	0				
A. W. Webb, Esq. ...				1	1	0				
Miss Whittfield ...				2	0	0				
T. N. Whitfield, Esq. ...				1	0	0				
Miss Wood, per J. H. Peddie, Esq.				1	0	0				
"A Worker" ...				25	0	0				
"A Workman's Thank-offering" ...				2	0	0				
"Young Friends at Home," per Rev. W. Thow				1	0	0				
Carried forward				£1,814	13	11	13,110	2		

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

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<i>Dr.</i>		THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND <i>in account</i>			
		Dols.	Dols.	£	s. d.
	Brought forward ...		10,998·71	13,230	14 6
<i>To Formosa Mission Expenses (continued)—</i> ...					
	Rents, Repairs, and General Expenses ...		285·01		
	College Expenses ...		40·00		
	Books Bought for Resale ...	182·69			
	<i>Less</i> received for Books sold ...	178·70			
			3·99		
			11,327·71		
	Balance in Treasurer's hands ...		227·55		
			11,555·26		
	Balance from last account ...	496·36			
	Native Church Collections ...	310·51			
			806·87		
			10,748·39 or		
			£2,100 0 0		
	House for Dr. Maxwell sent from England ...		759 5 11		
	Medicines sent from England ...		9 19 0	2,869	4 11
<i>„ Singapore Mission Expenses—</i>					
	Salaries of 3 Native Preachers ...		270		
	„ 1 Native Teacher ...		150		
	Rents, Repairs, and General Expenses ...		553·59		
	Gharry, Repairs and Working Expenses ...		478·58		
	Travelling Expenses ...		91·28		
	Books, Tracts and Stationery ...		93·90		
	Medical Account ...		63·75		
			1701·10		
	Balance on hand ...		54·25		
			1,755·35		
	Sale of 'Swatow Vocabularies' ...	65·00			
	Donation, Dr. Little (Medical Attendance) ...	50·00			
	„ James Meldrum ...	5·00			
	Subscriptions for Repairs ...	12·50	132·50		
			\$1,622·85 or		
			£300 0 0		
	Extra allowance to Mr. Cook for Expenses		60 0 0	360	0 0
<i>„ India Mission Expenses, viz.—</i>					
	Dr. Morison's Salary ...			350	16 8
	Teachers, Schools, and Orphans ...	Rs. 1,408 2 6			
	<i>Less</i> Government Aid Received ...	785 0 6	623 2 0		
	Rents, Repairs and General Expenses ...	605 8 0			
	<i>Less</i> received for Rent, Sales, &c. ...	581 8 6	23 15 6		
	Boat and Travelling Expenses... ..		245 14 6		
	Church		113 7 6		
	Colporteur		39 13 0		
	Evangelist		195 0 0		
	Catechist		120 0 0		
	Carried forward		1,361 4 6	16,810	16 1

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1,814	13	11	13,110	2	9
<i>By Donations (continued)—</i>									
Donations on account of India—									
J. W. Laidlay, Esq. ...	50	0	0						
James Macandrew, Esq. ...	5	0	0						
Arthur Magniac, Esq. ...	50	0	0						
Donald Matheson, Esq. ...	5	0	0						
C. S. & H. K. Patterson, Esqs.	1	0	0						
James Wallace, Esq. (subscription)	2	2	0						
							113	2	0
									1,927 15 11
<i>„ Collections at Missionary Meetings—</i>									
At Grosvenor Square Manchester ...				18	2	5			
At North Shields ...				2	11	0			
									20 13 5
<i>„ Sreaton Sanitarium—</i>									
From John M. Douglas, Esq., Balance ...							400	0	0
<i>„ Women's Missionary Association—</i>									
Part Payment of Girls' School at Formosa ...							506	5	0
									15,964 17 1
By Balance overdrawn ...							1,044	4	10
Carried forward	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,009	1	11

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

(628)

Dr. THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND *in account*

			Rs.			£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	...	...	1,361	4	6	16,810	16 1
To <i>India Mission Expenses</i> (continued)—								
	Medicines and Hospital	...	Rs. 217 7 6					
	Less Consultation Fees received	...	47 13 0					
				169	10	6		
	Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	...	150	3	6		
				1,681	2	6		
	Balance from last Account		Rs. 495 9 8					
	Contributions from Europeans	...	438 9 6					
	From Dr. Morison for Catechist	...	120 0 0	1,054	3	2		
				Rs. 626	15	4	or	
				£50				
	Passage money of Dr. Morison's family homewards			128	1	1		
	Repairing Church	...	...	20	0	0		
	Statistical Tables per Dr. Morison	...	...	0	4	9	198	5 10
							£17,009	1 11
„ Balance brought down	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,044	4 10

Singapore

Dec. 31, 1883.

„ Balance transferred to General Account as above ... 95 0 0

Svatow Girls'

„ To Amount Deposited with Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China 1,033 0 0

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. McLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, *February* 15, 1884.

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.*Cr.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				17,009	1	11

£17,009 1 11

Account.

Jan. 1, 1883.

By Balance from last year	95	0
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School Capital Account.

By Amount received from Mrs. Buchanan, per G. F. Barbour, Esq., to be used in principal and interest at the rate of £60 per annum	1,033	0	0
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E. & O. E.
December 31, 1883.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT for the Year ending DECEMBER 31, 1883.

Dr.

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PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries to Oct. 31, 1883—							
Mrs. Ritchie, 1 year	...	150	0	0			
Miss Murray, "	...	150	0	0			
Miss Mellis, 6 months	...	75	0	0			
Miss MacLagan, from Jan. 5	...	123	0	0			
" Passages and Outfit—					498	0	0
Passage Money, Misses Mann and Scott		117	0	0			
Outfit and Baggage Charges	...	122	12	1			
Extra Outfit. Miss MacLagan	...	5	0	0			
" Amoy—Balance for enlarging and painting					244	12	1
Girls' School	...	39	9	10			
School Expenses	...	53	1	0			
Wages, School and Chinese Teachers,							
Matron, and Bible Women	...	52	18	4			
Sundries and passage of Miss MacLagan							
to Amoy	...	10	7	10			
In hand, unexpended	...	29	3	0			
" Swatow—Wages, Bible Women and					185	0	0
Chinese Teachers	...	7	9	7			
Expenses of Bible Women's House and							
Sundries	...	1	3				
In hand, unexpended	...	9	4	5			
		101	11	3			
Less Special Donation received at Swa-							
tow for Bible Women	...	13	8	10			
" Formosa—					88	2	5
Building of Girl's School, On account		506	5	0			
Travelling Expenses, Mrs. Ritchie							
and Miss Murray	...	32	8	2			
In hand, unexpended	...	21	6	0			
		559	19	2			
Less Unexpended last year	...	23	14	2			
" Rampore Baulah—					536	5	0
Grant for Zenana Work	...				100	0	0
" Home Work—							
Miss Butler's expenses at Oxford	...				52	10	0
" Home charges—Annual Meeting, Travel-							
ling and Attendants	...	7	16	0			
Printing and Advertising	...	3	1	3			
" Our Sisters in Other Lands," cost, less							
Sales	...	28	15	0			
					39	12	3
					1,744	1	9
					1,111	4	5
" Balance in hand	...				£2,855	6	2

L. M. ANDERSON, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

A. M. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Auditors.*
HENRY J. WENHAM,

THE CONTINENTAL CHURCHES in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1883.

Dr.

Cr.

To Grants, viz. :—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Christian Missionary Church of Belgium	60	0	0	By Balance from last year	...	...
Evangelical Society of France	40	0	0	" Congregational Contributions—	...	...
" Geneva	40	0	0	Presbytery of Berwick	...	...
Evangelistic Work of the Union of the				Birmingham	10	3	3	
Free Churches of France	25	0	0	Bristol	6	6	3	
Rev. R. W. McAll's Mission	25	0	0	" "	10	1	0	
Free Church of Italy	30	0	0	Carlisle	4	1	0	
Waldensian Church Missions	50	0	0	Darlington	1	16	0	
Spanish Evangelisation Society	50	0	0	Liverpool	93	14	3	
Lisbon Mission, per Rev. R. Stewart	20	0	0	London	173	18	7	
Bohemian and Moravian Evangelisation	40	0	0	" "	24	11	9	
Evangelistic Work of the Church of the				Manchester	...	...	...
Welsh Calvinistic Methodists	10	0	0	Newcastle	25	7	2	
				" "	4	14	0	
Special Objects :—	390	0	0	Sabbath Schools	...	...	...
Remitted Treasurers as per contra	113	0	0	Donations	...	...	...
Proportion of Office Charges	5	12	7	Special Objects :—	...	...	...
" Travelling Expenses	5	6	4	Evangelical Society of Belgium—	...	...	...
" College Rent	2	10	0	" Jabez "	...	2	0	0
" Teas at College	1	6	11	Misses Thompson, Leicester	...	1	0	0
" Synod Printing	7	8	10	Waldensian Church :—	3	0	0	
" Pew Notices	10	0	5	Congregational Contributions—	...	...	...
				London, Regent Sq., per	...	...	...
				Mrs. Watson	...	25	0	0
				London, St. John's Wood	...	25	0	0
				Donations :—
				Samuel Smith, Esq., M.P.,
				for the College, Pomaret,	...	50	0	0
				Waldensian Valleys	...	1	0	0
				" Jabez "
				Union of Free Churches of France :—	101	0	0	
				A Member of Clayport, St. Alnwick
				Rev. R. W. McAll's Mission :—	5	0	0	
				James Grant, Esq.
				Evangelical Society of France :—	2	0	0	
				" Jabez "
					2	0	0	
					113	0	0	
					£921	9	11	
					386	4	10	
					
					Balance brought down	...	...

Audited and found correct,
ROBT. A. McLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1884.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

COLLEGE FUND AND NEW ENDOWMENT FUND.

(632)

THE COLLEGE FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1883.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Principal Chalmers' Salary for Year	700	0	0	211	14	1
" Professor Graham's Salary for Year	700	0	0
" Professor Gibbs' Salary for Year	400	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Professor Elmslie (Honorarium),	...	150	0	0	...	...	...	...	...
Session 1882-3	321	4	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. Salary from May 3, 1883	471	4	8	2,271	4	8	...	...	...
Janitor's Wages, and House and Garden Expenses	...	...	...	278	16	1	...	...	...
Coals, Gas, and Water	...	...	...	102	17	9	...	...	...
Rates and Taxes	...	...	...	66	7	4	...	...	...
Income Tax and House Duty	...	...	...	21	8	10	...	...	...
Rent	...	...	...	243	4	8	...	...	...
Library	...	...	...	20	0	0	...	...	...
Fire Insurance	...	...	...	6	15	0	...	...	...
Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	5	2	1	...	...	...
Proportion of Office Charges	...	...	...	67	12	0	...	...	...
Travelling Expenses	...	...	...	32	18	0	...	...	...
Teas at College	...	...	...	8	1	4	...	...	...
Synod Printing	...	...	...	47	13	3	...	...	...
Examination Board Expenses	...	...	...	36	13	7	...	...	...
Expenses of College Visitors	...	...	...	6	9	0	...	...	...
College Trustees per Union Thanksgiving Fund for Investment	...	...	...	45	0	0	...	...	...
Painting and Repairs of Building	...	...	...	372	5	7	...	...	...
Balance brought down	...	...	...	£3,632	9	2	...	...	...
	...	...	...	£217	12	9	...	...	...

NEW ENDOWMENT FUND.

To Amount paid over to Trustees for Investment	£275	0	0	By Donations received during the year	...	...	£275	0	0
Audited and found correct,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

ROBT. A. MCLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1884.

E. & O. E.

Dr.

COLLEGE TRUST in account with TREASURER.

Cr.

1883.		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Cash paid College Committee on account	...	1,350	0	0	By Balance brought from last account	...	...	...	89 16 6
" 227 Strand, paid Mrs. Brownley her Moiety of One Year's Rent to Michaelmas, 1883, less P.T.	...	145	18	9	" " Caledonian Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock	...	...	...	39 1 4
" Rev. William Ballantyne, Secretary	...	10	0	0	" Gt. Eastern Railway, Half-year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock	...	...	...	19 10 4
" Cheque Book	...	0	8	4	" Gt. Western Railway, One year on £1,965 4 % Deb. Stock	...	...	...	76 9 5
" Balance in Bank, carried down	...	23	17	5	" Do. on £3,600 5 % Consolidated Preference Stock	...	...	...	175 2 5
					" Gt. Northern Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock	...	...	...	38 18 4
					" Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Railway and Dock Co. (One year on £5,000 4½ % Deb. Bonds	...	...	...	218 17 11
					" London and North-Western Railway, One year on £4,000 4 % Perpetual Deb. Stock	...	...	...	155 13 4
					" Do. on £1,000 4 % Perpetual Deb. Stock	...	...	...	38 18 4
					" London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, Half-year on £2,000 4 % Perpetual Deb. Stock	...	...	...	40 4 3
					" Do. One year on £1,200 4½ % Perpetual Deb. Stock	...	...	...	52 10 9
					" Midland Railway, Half-year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock	...	...	...	19 10 5
					" South Eastern Railway, Half-year on £1,000 4 % Perpetual Deb. Stock	...	...	...	19 10 4
					" Imperial Bank, Limited, One year on 52 Shares	...	...	...	58 10 0
					" London Joint Stock Bank, Limited, One year on 26 Shares	...	...	...	66 6 0
					" Do. Half-year on 13 New Shares	...	...	...	4 0 10
					" Union Bank of London, Limited, One year on 53 Shares	...	...	...	123 4 6
					" Do. Half-year on 12 New Shares	...	...	...	2 2 0
					" 227 Strand, One year's Rent, to Michaelmas, 1883, less property tax	291 17 6
							£1,530	4	6
					" By Balance brought down	23 17 5

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COLLEGE TRUST.

Dr. NEW ENDOWMENT FUND in account with the COLLEGE TRUSTEES.

Cr.

1883.		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To London Joint Stock Bank, Limited, 2nd and 3rd instalments on 13 New Shares	...	130	0	0	By Balance brought from last account	...	...	...	170 7 0
" Union Bank of London, Limited, 2nd and 3rd instalments on 12 New Shares	...	168	0	0	" Amount received through College Committee for Investment, viz.:-	...	...	...	...
" Balance in Bank, carried down	...	142	7	0	" Subscriptions on account Endowment Fund	275	0	0	...
					" Thanksgiving Fund	45	0	0	...
							320	0	0
							£490	7	0
					By Balance brought down	...	...	...	£192 7 0

Audited and found correct, ROBT. A. McLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*
 1 Queen Victoria Street, London, March 8, 1884.

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
Treasurer.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS FUND.

(634)

GENERAL FUND OF SCHOLARSHIPS,

Dr.

In account with H. M. MATHESON,

					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To paid Holders of Scholarships, as under—										
Hamilton—										
Mr. E. H. E. Franks	...	...	...	...	40	0	0			
Duncan—										
Mr. R. C. Gillie	...	...	...	...	25	0	0			
Robertson—										
Mr. Charles H. Purdy	...	...	...	...	30	0	0			
Anderson—										
Mr. Henry Neill	...	...	...	...	25	0	0			
Gillespie—										
Mr. George Samuel	...	...	...	...	50	0	0			
Muter—										
First year, Mr. B. Lewis Paton	...			£30	0	0				
Second year, Mr. Thomas O. Scott, B. A.				30	0	0				
Third year, Mr. Thomas L. Turnbull				30	0	0				
					90	0	0			
Munro—										
Mr. Alexander Matheson, M.A.	...	...	...	...	20	0	0			
McKerrow—										
Mr. William D. Wright	...	...	...	...	20	0				
Newcastle—										
Mr. William Thorp	...	...	...	...	25	0	0			
Regent Square—										
Mr. D. M. McIntyre	...	...	...	...	20	0	0			
Crichton—										
Mr. George M. Storrar, B.A.	...	...	...	...	25	0	0			
								370	0	0
Expenses—										
To Paid Advertising, as under :—										
In " Outlook "	...	...	...	...	4	0	0			
" " Presbyterian Messenger "	...	...	...	...	3	3	0			
" " Edinburgh Daily Review "	...	...	...	£1	19	4				
" " Glasgow Daily Mail "	...	...	...	1	11	0				
" " Liverpool Mercury "	...	...	...	1	8	6				
" " Manchester Guardian "	...	...	...	2	11	0				
" " Newcastle Chronicle "	...	...	...	1	8	0				
" Paid Postages connected with Advertising				0	0	5				
								8	18	3
" " printing Lists of the Scholarships	...			...				3	8	6
" " expenses connected with Examinations	...			1	9	2				
" " cost of Post Office Order	...	...	...	...	0	0	3			
								1	9	5
Carried forward										
	...	...	...	...	20	19	2	370	0	0

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

*Treasurer, 1883-84.**Cr.*

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance, cash in hand brought from last year	... ..	...			1	1	1
Hamilton and Duncan Scholarships—							
By Interest on £1,450 Oude and Rohilkund Railway 5 per cent.							
Stock, as under :—							
For half-year ended June 30, 1883	£36	5	0				
Less Income Tax at 5 <i>d.</i> per £		0	15	1			
					85	9	11
For half-year ended December 31, 1883					35	9	11
Less Income Tax as above							
							70 19 10
Robertson Scholarship—							
„ Interest on £877 2 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> Indian Government 4 per Cent.							
Stock, as under :—							
For half-year payable April 5, 1883	£17	10	10				
Less Income Tax at 6½ <i>d.</i> per £		0	9	6			
					17	1	4
For half-year payable October 5, 1883	17	10	10				
Less Income Tax, at 5 <i>d.</i> per £		0	7	3	17	3	7
							34 4 11
Anderson Scholarship—							
„ Interest on £500 Canadian 5 per Cent. Consolidated Stock,							
as under :—							
For half-year ended June 30, 1883	£12	10	0				
Less Income Tax at 5 <i>d.</i> per £		0	5	3			
					12	4	9
For half-year ended December 31, 1883					12	4	9
Less Income Tax as above							
							24 9 6
Gillespie Scholarship—							
„ Interest on £1,000 Canadian 5 per Cent. Consolidated Stock,							
as under :—							
For half-year ended June 30, 1883	£25	0	0				
Less Income Tax at 5 <i>d.</i> per £		0	10	5			
					24	9	7
For half-year ended December 31, 1883					24	9	7
Less Income Tax as above							
							48 19 2
Muter Scholarships—							
„ Interest on £2,075 Great Northern Railway 4½ per cent.							
Preference Stock, as under :—							
For half-year payable December 31, 1882	£46	13	9				
Less Income Tax at 7½ <i>d.</i> per £		1	8	2			
					45	5	7
For half-year ended June 30, 1883	46	13	9				
Less Income Tax at 5½ <i>d.</i> per £		1	2	5			
					45	11	4
							90 16 11
Carried forward			
					£270	11	

SCHOLARSHIPS FUND and INSTRUCTION FUND.

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GENERAL FUND OF SCHOLARSHIPS,

Dr.

In account with H. M. MATHESON,

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Expenses—continued.						
Brought forward	20	19	2	370	0	0
To Paid Rev. W. Ballantyne for his Expenses during the year	3	0	0			
„ „ For a cheque book	0	4	2			
				24	3	4
„ Balance carried down				2	11	11

£396 15 3

Audited and found correct,

ROBERT A. McLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, *February 15, 1884.*

THE INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH FUND *in*

Dr.

For Year ended

	£	s.	d.
To Grants	158	0	0
„ Proportion of Office Charges	5	12	7
„ „ Travelling Expenses	13	14	6
„ „ College Rent	2	10	0
„ „ Teas at College	1	6	11
„ „ Synod Printing	4	19	10
„ Pew Notices and Printing	20	15	11
	£206	19	9
„ Balance in Bank	280	11	2

£487 10 11

Audited and found correct,

1 Queen Victoria Street, London,

ROBT. A. McLEAN,

February 15, 1884.

Chartered Accountant Auditor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Treasurer, 1883-84—continued.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Munro Scholarship—						
Brought forward ...				270	11	5
By Interest on £500 Madras Railway 5 per Cent. Stock, as under:—						
For half-year ended June 30, 1883	£12	10	0			
Less Income Tax at 5 <i>d.</i> per £	0	5	3			
				12	4	9
For half-year ended December 31, 1883						
Less Income Tax as above				12	4	9
					24	9 6
McKerrow Scholarship—						
„ Proceeds of chief rent to March 25, 1883	£10	2	0			
Less Income Tax at 6½ <i>d.</i> per £	0	5	6			
				9	16	6
„ Proceeds of chief rent to September 29, 1883	10	2	0			
Less Income Tax, at 5 <i>d.</i> per £	0	4	2			
				9	17	10
					19	14 4
Newcastle Scholarship—						
„ Amount of this Scholarship received per Mr. T. Y. Strachan					25	0 0
Regent Square Scholarship—						
„ Amount of this Scholarship received per Mr. J. N. Boyd ...					20	0 0
Crichton Scholarship—						
„ Amount of this Scholarship received per Mr. W. P. Sinclair	25	0	0			
„ Received from Mr. W. P. Sinclair towards expenses of the Scholarship, advertising, &c. ...	2	0	0			
					27	0 0
„ Subscription from Mr. H. M. Matheson ...					10	0 0
					£396	15 3
„ Balance brought down ...					2	11 11
E. & O. E.						
London, February 7, 1884.				H. M. MATHESON,		
				Treasurer.		

account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

DECEMBER 31, 1883.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year ...				219	7	2
„ Congregational Contributions—						
Presbytery of Berwick ...	12	19	0			
„ Birmingham ...	1	1	6			
„ Bristol ...	3	6	8			
„ Carlisle ...	5	2	0			
„ Darlington ...	5	10	9			
„ Liverpool ...	56	8	11			
„ London ...	98	10	9			
„ Manchester ...	30	16	0			
„ Newcastle ...	31	17	4			
„ Northumberland ...	10	12	4			
					256	5 3
„ Sabbath Schools ...					1	11 6
„ Donations ...					10	7 0
					£487	10 11
„ Balance brought down ...					280	11 2

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1883.JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1883.

Cr.

SYNOD FUND.

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ROBT. A. McLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, *February 15, 1884.*

Dn. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.—PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, 1883. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Interest and Discount	10	8	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Postages and Carriage	45	17	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Salaries	325	8	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Bad Debt	20	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Rent	80	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Sundry Expenses, Stationery, &c.	107	9	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Balance, Profit, carried down	118	12	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	...	...	...	...
By Balance from last account	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" "Messenger" account—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
By Sales	640	19	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Advertisements	171	10	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Stock in hand	5	0	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Less Paper and Printing	625	7	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Editing	50	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Stock in hand end of 1882	4	13	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
" "Children's Messenger" account—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
By Sales	483	11	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Advertisements	33	7	11	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Stock in hand	29	10	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Less Paper, Printing, Binding, &c.	381	14	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Stock in hand end of 1882	44	4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Trading account—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
By Sales and Commissions	3,592	4	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Stock in hand	707	15	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	...	...	...	...	...
Less Purchases (including Stock in hand at end of 1882)	4,299	19	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	...	...	...	...
	356	0	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Balance brought down	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	£708	2	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	...	...	...	...	...
	118	12	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	...	...	...	...

For Auditor's Certificate *see* under Balance Sheet next page.

Dr. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.—BALANCE SHEET. DECEMBER 31, 1883. Cr.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Loan from Bankers	200 0 0	By Stock "Messenger"	5 0 8
"Accounts due by the Committee	1,573 16 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	"Children's Messenger"	29 10 6
"Capital Account	235 0 6	Books, &c.	707 15 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
"Balance of Profit and Loss	118 12 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Office Stationery	25 6 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Office Furniture	767 13 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
		"Accounts due to the Committee, considered good	30 0 0
		"Cash in hand	1,301 5 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
			28 11 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
			<u>£2,127 9 10</u>

Certified to be in accordance with the Books and Vouchers,
ROBT. A. MCLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor*,
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., March 11, 1884.

HENRY ROBSON, *Treasurer*.

OFFICE CHARGES in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1883.

Dr.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Salaries	875 3 4	By Sustainment Fund	394 6 9
"Rent, Cleaning, and Fires	169 5 0	"Foreign Missions	35%
"Postage and Receipt Stamps	59 2 9	"Home Mission	20%
"Stationery and Printing	30 12 7	"Jewish Mission	10%
"Financial Secretary's Guarantee Premium	10 0 0	"Continental Churches	3%
"Repairs and Furnishing	4 2 2	"College Fund	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
"Telegrams	1 8 3	"Instruction of Youth	6%
"Directory	1 5 0	"Church Building and Aid and Loan Funds	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
"Bank Commission	2 18 8	"Aged and Infirm Ministers	4%
"Auditors' Fee for 1882	21 0 0	"Widows and Orphans	1%
"Gas	0 19 8	"Synod Fund	5%
"Insurance	0 6 0		15%
"Sundry Incidental Expenses	3 8 3		100%
	<u>£1,179 11 8</u>	"Interest on Overdrawn Account	1,126 13 5
			52 18 3
			<u>£1,179 11 8</u>

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. MCLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor*.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1884.

E. & O. E.

December 31, 1883.

JNO. LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

UNION THANKSGIVING FUND—Liquidation of Debt.

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THOMAS HOLDER and ALEXANDER BROWN in account with THE LIQUIDATION OF DEBT FUND.

Dr.

Cr.

1883.		1884.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance in hand, March 7...	1239 18 3		200 0 0
" Interest allowed by Bank...	...		100 0 0
	...		55 0 0
	...		300 0 0
	...		100 0 0
	...		120 0 0
	...		75 0 0
	...		85 0 0
By Grant to—			
" Princes Road Church, Liverpool	...		...
" Waterloo Road Church, Blyth	...		...
" Portsmouth Church	...		...
" Trinity Church, Kentish Town	...		...
" St. Andrew's Church, Swansea	...		...
" Queen's Road Church, Liverpool	...		...
" Houghton-le-Spring Church	...		...
" Camberwell Church, London	...		...
" Amount remitted to London to be held on	...		...
account of Houghton-le-Spring	175 0 0		...
" Ramsbottom	50 0 0		...
" Amount transferred to General Fund	...		...
			225 0 0
			5 0 1
			£1,265 0 1

Audited and found correct,
 THOMAS MOFFAT.
 WM. S. CAIRNS.

THOMAS HOLDER, } Joint Treasurers.
 ALEXANDER BROWN, }

E. & O. E.
 Liverpool, March 25, 1884.

UNION THANKSGIVING FUND—Balance Sheet.

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THOMAS HOLDER *and* ALEXANDER

Dr.

THE UNION THANKS

	Right reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	DESIGNATED		Total.
			Synod Schemes.	Local Purposes	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balances in hand March 7, 1883	500 0 0	551 12 6	...	...	1051 12 6
„ Amounts received from—					
Berwick Presbytery
Birmingham „	43 8 0	43 8 0
Bristol „	200 0 0	200 0 0
Carlisle „
* Darlington „	25 0 0	...	...	25 0 0
Liverpool „	5 0 0	25 0 0	495 0 0	525 0 0
London „	160 0 0	50 0 0	715 14 11	925 14 11
Manchester „	10 0 0	2135 9 6	1170 9 6	3315 19 0
Newcastle „	9 16 0	...	291 12 0	301 8 0
Northumberland Presbytery
„ Interest allowed by Bank	20 1 10	...	...	20 1 10
„ Amount transferred from Liquidation of Debt account...	...	5 0 1	...	...	5 0 1
* Balance of Rev. W. A. Johnman's subscription, now of Hawick.					
	£ 500 0 0	786 10 5	2210 9 6	2916 4 5	6413 4 4

„ Balance brought down

£14 14 6

E. & O. E.
Liverpool, March 25, 1884.

THOMAS HOLDER, }
ALEX. BROWN, } *Joint Treasurers.*

BROWN, *Joint Treasurers, in account with*

GIVING FUND.

Cr.

	Right reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	DESIGNATED		Total.
			Synod Schemes.	Local Purposes.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By New Church, Parkgate, Mr. S. Williamson's contribution ...	500 0 0	...	...	...	500 0 0
„ Balance of Synod's Grant for Home Missions ...	...	500 0 0	...	...	...
„ Payment on account of Synod's Grant for College Fund ...	...	140 0 0	...	...	640 0 0
„ Amounts disbursed by Presbyteries—					
Berwick ... ..	...	...	...	...	...
Birmingham ... ..	...	...	...	43 8 0	43 8 0
Bristol ... ..	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0
Carlisle ... ..	...	...	...	...	...
Darlington ... ..	...	...	...	...	...
Liverpool ... ..	...	...	25 0 0	495 0 0	520 0 0
London ... ..	...	...	50 0 0	715 14 11	765 14 11
Manchester ... ..	...	...	2135 9 6	1170 9 6	3305 19 0
Newcastle ... ..	...	...	...	291 12 0	291 12 0
Northumberland ... ..	...	...	...	...	...
	500 0 0	640 0 0	2210 9 6	2916 4 5	6266 13 11
„ Charges :—Salaries, Stationery, Postages, &c. ... ..	...	131 15 11	...	...	131 15 11
„ Balance in hand ... ..	...	14 14 6	...	...	14 14 6
£	500 0 0	786 10 5	2210 9 6	2916 4 5	6413 4 4

Audited and found correct,
 THOMAS MOFFAT.
 WM. S. CAIRNS.

SUMMARY OF SYNODICAL FUNDS.

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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FOR SYNODICAL FUNDS.

	1883.			1882.			1881.			1880.			1879.			1878.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sustentation Fund:—																		
Aid from Congregations, and Donations	5,895	9	10	6,137	12	1	6,025	14	10	6,177	14	9	5,510	1	0	5,364	2	0
Scottish Subsidy	...	...	...	—	—	—	142	6	5	546	17	9	762	19	2	500	0	0
Reserve Fund	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	100	0	0	400	0	0	2,000	0	0
Mutur Interest	764	8	11	727	8	2	222	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	6,659	18	9	6,865	0	3	6,390	2	5	6,824	11	11	6,673	0	2	7,864	2	0
Home Mission	2,798	5	0	1,960	8	11	2,042	13	1	2,136	15	10	1,970	10	9	2,493	12	6
Church Building and Aid and Loan Funds	1,096	15	3	210	8	6	379	15	8	261	15	7	208	0	5	512	16	4
Foreign Missions	16,425	0	7	16,662	7	10	13,013	2	2	13,240	5	7	10,400	0	8	9,502	0	5
Jewish Mission	881	16	4	900	15	3	803	12	10	838	0	10	454	18	9	793	11	1
Continental Missions	528	12	9	613	5	8	944	1	4	838	0	10	295	9	11	274	0	4
Aged and Infirm Ministers	300	1	2	301	3	11	303	0	8	283	15	2	215	3	5	277	14	2
Widows and Orphans	3,139	15	10	3,967	12	8	2,605	3	9	2,849	8	1	2,020	17	9	2,397	15	9
College	3,478	2	4	12,865	15	5	5,838	17	3	3,033	1	6	2,216	8	6	2,653	14	2
Scholarships	395	14	2	408	4	5	362	8	8	458	10	11	391	6	3	472	13	1
Instruction of Youth	268	3	9	158	9	3	154	19	5	180	8	5	231	16	0	204	4	10
Synod Fund	1,372	12	5	1,364	11	0	1,266	19	11	1,201	16	8	1,294	10	0	991	16	6
Union Thanksgiving Fund	232	0	0	4,118	16	4	1,384	12	0	3,302	15	6	2,701	7	1	2,529	1	1
Publications	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	102	12	10
	37,576	16	4	50,396	19	5	35,489	9	2	34,921	17	10	29,073	9	8	31,069	14	1

N.B.—The receipts for 1879 (excepting the Sustentation, Scholarships, and Union Thanksgiving Funds) represent only 9½ months. The Jewish Mission amount for 1879 does not cover the period in which the collection is taken. The figures for 1878 are corrected in some particulars from those given in the Blue Book for that year.

OVERTURES, &c.

OVERTURES AND OTHER PAPERS TRANSMITTED BY PRESBYTERIES.

I.

OVERTURES.

I. ON LIMITED TIME AT DISPOSAL OF SYNOD.

(1) *From Presbytery of Liverpool.*

At Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, Liverpool, the seventh day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four years; the which time and place the Presbytery of Liverpool met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

On the motion of Rev. R. Duff the Presbytery adopted the following Overture:—

‘Whereas the time at the disposal of the Synod for the transaction of business is less than five days;

‘Whereas about one-third of this time is occupied with public meetings and the reception of Deputies from other Churches;

‘Whereas the remaining portion is inadequate for the proper transaction of the business of the Synod;

‘It is humbly overtured by the Rev. the Presbytery of Liverpool to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England indicted to meet at Liverpool in April to take the premisses into consideration, and to devise means which may secure a less hurried transaction of its varied and important business.’

Rev. Robert Duff and Rev. A. B. Barkway were appointed to support said Overture before the Synod.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Liverpool by

GEORGE JOHNSTONE, *Pres. Clerk.*

(2) *From Presbytery of Newcastle.*

At Newcastle, the first day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four years; which time and place the Presbytery of Newcastle being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

At the request of the Clerk the Presbytery gave leave for the introduction of the following Overture, the usual month's notice not having been given:—

‘Whereas the time at the disposal of the Synod for the transaction of its business is much too limited to allow of due consideration being given to the varied and important matters that come before it;

‘The Synod is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Newcastle to take the subject into consideration, and deal with it as may be deemed wise and prudent.’

The Clerk then moved that the Presbytery adopt and transmit the Overture. This was unanimously agreed to; and the Clerk and Mr. W. Sutton were appointed to support it before the Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Newcastle by

JAMES MACKENZIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

II. ON THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL BY OTHER THAN ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE WORD.

(1) *From Presbytery of Newcastle.*

At Newcastle, the first day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four years; which time and place the Presbytery of Newcastle being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

In accordance with notice, the Clerk moved the adoption and transmission of the following Overture:—

- ‘Whereas it is in harmony with the teaching of the Word of God that the preaching of the Gospel should not be restricted to the regular ministry of the Word;
- ‘Whereas the experience of other churches shows that the exercise of the gift of preaching by others than regularly ordained ministers of the Word has promoted the extension of the Redeemer’s Kingdom and the glory of God;
- ‘Whereas the prevalent ungodliness of the land demands that the Church put forth all her strength in making known the truths of the Gospel;
- ‘It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Newcastle to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, to take the premisses into consideration, and devise means for developing, recognising, and utilising the gift of preaching bestowed upon the Church, under such regulations as may be deemed wisest and best.’

Rev. R. Leitch seconded the motion, and it was unanimously agreed to; the Clerk and Mr. Leitch being appointed to support the Overture before the Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Newcastle by

JAMES MACKENZIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

III. ORDINATION OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

From Members of Synod.

Whereas the preaching of the Gospel to multitudes of our home population cannot be adequately overtaken by the pastoral ministry;

Whereas an urgent and growing desire exists that the Church should recognise and sanction in an orderly way the labours of lay preachers and others, who, by the blessing of God, are successfully prosecuting this important branch of the Church’s work;

Whereas it would materially conduce to the success of their work if such labourers possessed the right of dispensing the sacraments to the people under their charge, while it is obviously undesirable to multiply exceptional arrangements for this purpose;

It is humbly overtured to the Venerable the Synod now in session, by the undersigned Members of the House, to consider whether the time has not arrived when, in suitable cases, to be judged of by the Synod, qualified and successful workers in connection with the Mission Halls and Preaching Stations of this Church should be ordained and authorised to administer the sacraments, under authority of Sessions, without being eligible to a pastoral call unless with the express permission of the Synod.

Ministers.

Rev. J. Oswald Dykes
John Edmond
W. Gray Elmslie
James Mackenzie

Rev. A. MacLeod
James Christie
J. M. Gibson
William Dale

Elders.

Mr. John Bell
Robert Whyte
A. Guthrie
Wm. Sutton
Geo. Bell, Junior

Mr. Thos. Crawford
Thos. Hepburn
Thomas Bell
Robert Amos
J. Nesbit

II.
MEMORIAL.

From Messrs. James Nisbet & Co.

To the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England.

The Memorial of the firm of James Nisbet & Company, of 21 Berners Street, London, W., sheweth that :—

Whereas there was urgent call for a Children's Hymn Book containing, among others, the hymns for children's use which appear in 'Church Praise';

And whereas delay in the issue of such a book was extremely undesirable, inasmuch as schools were arranging to introduce collections of hymns which do not contain many of those in the section for the young in 'Church Praise';

And whereas this firm published at Christmas last the collection of hymns and tunes known as 'School Praise' (copies of which have been sent to every minister of the Church) with the intention, in the event of its being authorised by the Synod to be used in the schools of the Church, to let it hold the same relation to the Church as in the case of 'Church Praise';

Therefore, this Firm brings the matter to the notice of the Synod in order that if it be deemed fit, the necessary sanction may be granted.

JAMES NISBET & Co.

21 Berners Street, London, W.

April 9, 1884.

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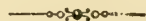
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1885.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Monday,
Church, on Monday, the 27th day April 27th.
of April, 1885, at Half-past Six
o'clock p.m.

Which time and place the Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Divine
 England, and Ruling Elders, Commissioners to the Synod of said Church, Service.
 appointed to be held at London this day, convened; and Public
 Worship was conducted by the Rev. ROBERT H. LUNDIE, M.A., Minister
 at Fairfield, Liverpool, and Moderator of last Synod, who preached
 from Rev. xii. 11:—‘And they overcame by the blood of the Lamb,
 and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto
 the death.’

Thereafter, and the services of the sanctuary having been concluded, Constituted,
 the Synod was constituted with prayer, by Mr. LUNDIE: and the names
 of the Ministers and Elders on the Clerk’s Roll were laid on the table,
 as follow:—

MINISTERIAL FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

*Rev. George Smith, M.A. ... Swatow.	*Rev. Donald MacIver, M.A. Swatow. Roll of Synod.
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<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
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George Mackay	Stacey Gee	<i>Penriddock</i>
Hugh Rodger	W. G. Scott	Silloth
		Whitehaven, High Street
		„ Market Place
		Workington

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<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
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PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. William Ferguson	Mr. John McLean	Barrow-in-Furness
* Alex. MacLeod, D.D.	Samuel Stitt	Birkenhead, Claughton
James Towers }	James M. Galloway	„ Grange Road
William Hutton }	Rev. William Braid	„ Hamilton
James Fraser, M.A.	Mr. John W. Chisholm	„ St. Andrew's
Alex. M. Symington, D.D.	Thomas Cockbain	„ St. Paul's
A. Bryce Muir		

PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL.—*Continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. Geo. Lewis, <i>Emeritus</i> }	Mr. Thomas Holder	Chester
John Mitchell, B.D. }	Captain McQueen	Douglas
James Muir	Mr. James W. Wilkie	Egremont
Simeon R. Macphail, M.A.	Robert Robinson	Liverpool, Canning Street
James Bodel, B.A.	Robert Sumner	" Derby Road
* Thos. McPherson, M.A.	Alexander Scroggie	" Everton Valley
Robert H. Lundie, M.A.	Joseph Hossack	" Fairfield
* Patrick White	* Robert Pinkerton	" Islington
* Jno. M. Mackenzie, M.A.	George H. Brown	" Mount Pleasant
James H. Collie, M.A.	John Simpson	" Peel Road
Archibald Gardner	J. M. Small	" Prince's Road
Hugh T. Howat, D.D.	George C. Miller	" Queen's Road
Robert Duff, M.A.	Charles Petrie	" St. George's
James Barles	Duncan Currie	" St. Peter's
* John Watson, M.A.	Alexander Guthrie	" Sefton Park
Walter McFarlane, B.Sc.	Rev. A. M. Halket	" Shaw Street
George Johnstone, M.A.,	Mr. Samuel Smith, M.P.	" Trinity
B.D., <i>Clerk</i>		
A. Bannerman Barkway	Joseph Cunningham	" Union
* James Macandrew	Charles Dicks	" Vauxhall Road
John Towert, M.A., B.D.	James G. Thomson	Parkgate
W. A. Cathcart	* Captain William Brown	Ramsey
* David Henderson	Mr. Thomas Matheson	Rockferry
James Brown	James Hamilton	St. Helens
James Mellis, M.A.	John H. Waterhouse	Southport
	* W. P. Sinclair	Sutton
James McMurchy, M.A.,	Duncan McKechnie	Walton
B.D.		
John J. Muir, F.L.S.	W. H. Wightman	Waterloo
	Henry Coubrough	West Kirby

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. William Chalmers, D.D.		
Principal, and Professor		
of Theology		
William Graham, D.D.,		
Professor of Church		
History and Pastoral		
Theology		
W. Gray Elmslie, M.A.,		
Professor of Hebrew		
and Old Testament		
Exegesis		
John Gibb, Professor of		
New Testament Exe-		
gesis and Biblical		
Criticism		
Theodore J. Meyer, Mis-		
sionary to Jews in		
London		
John Black, Gen. Sec.		
William J. B. Roome	Mr. W. Reavell	<i>Aldersey</i>
Thomas Curry	John Bell	Aldershot
	John M. Douglas	Aston Tyrrold
William Fraser, M.A.	George Homewood	Bournemouth
Alex. Hamilton, D.D.	Evan Cameron	Brighton, Queen's Road
		" Trinity
W. Harvey Jellie	James Goodman	<i>Cambridge</i>
		Canterbury

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—*Continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. Andrew Lees Robert Hanna, B.A.	Mr. Robert T. Turnbull William Stewart • Henry Ronald • Alexander McBain	Chatham Croydon Darent Eastbourne
H. Carruthers Wilson, M.A. William E. Shaw, M.A. Robert Balgarnie, D.D. Henry Millican Ralph Haddon James Maltman, M.A. Alexander Jeffrey W. Millar Nicholson, M.A., D.Sc. James Ferguson Adolph Saphir, D.D. David Alexander J. H. Thomson, M.A., B.D. • James E. Erskine Hugh McIntosh, M.A. J. Reid Howatt R. M. Thornton, B.A. • George Wilson, B.A. David MacEwan, D.D. Matthew Davison Andrew C. Murphy, M.A., D.Lit. Gavin Carlyle, M.A. William H. Edmonds William Martin, M.A. George Elder, M.A. Henry Miller John Matheson, M.A. John Edmond, D.D. • J. Thain Davidson, D.D. Charles Moinet, M.A. Charles J. Whitmore Thomas Anderson Donald Fraser, D.D. Thomas J. Dixon William Dale Hugh S. Paterson, M.D. Duncan Sillars Donald Matheson, M.A. J. Oswald Dykes, D.D. John Mauchlen John Monro Gibson, D.D. Francis Slade Z. B. Woffendale • Verner M. White, LL.D. Hugh M. Mackenzie • Alexander Stirling A. Crichton Alexander George Wilson, M.A. W. Anderson, D.D. David Fotheringham Robert Taylor William Harris	John Edgar William Tingey Rev. John Kelly Mr. G. W. C. Shield Sir George B. Pechell, Bart. Mr. James Buchanan Patrick Neill Wm. Carruthers, F.R.S. Dr. John Dewar Major-Gen. Geo. Anderson Mr. William H. Waite Robert Wales William Weir John Anderson A. C. Falconer William Tulloch James E. Russell William Rankine David White James Robertson • David Gibb Dr. Wm. Macleod, C.B., R.N. Robert Pringle • Mr. David Tweddle W. Heath Strange, M.D. Robert Moore John McDonald Henry M. Paul Hugh M. Matheson John Y. Henderson Joseph Clarke George Duncan John Paton Robert Main William Gillespie Donald Matheson Thomas Sharer William Garden Benjamin W. Webb John Leggat Henry Pocock • J. T. Reid Peter Johnston James Smith Charles F. Booth • Charles Kynoch Alexander Paterson A. Sandison William Melles William Robertson, M.D. H. J. Brown	Edenbridge Gravesend Guernsey Highfields, Withyham Holybourne Ipswich Jersey Lewes London, Belgrave " Bermondesey " Blackheath " Bow " Brockley " Camberwell " Camden Road " Canonbury " Clapham Road " Clapton " Crouch Hill " Ealing " East India Road " Forest Hill " Greenwich " Hammersmith " Hampstead " Highbury " Islington " Kensington " Kentish Town " Kingston-on- Thames " Marylebone " Millwall " New Barnet " Notting Hill " Oxendon " Putney " Regent Square " Richmond " St. John's Wood " Silvertown " Somers Town " South Kensington " Southwark " Stepney " Stoke Newington " Stratford " Streatham " Tooting " Tottenham " Upper Norwood " Victoria Docks

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—*Continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. Jas. Cunningham, M.A.	Mr. W. J. Creighton	London, Wandsworth
* Walter Morison, D.D.	J. B. Johnstone	" Westbourne Grove
* William B. Alexander	Rev. W. Wright, D.D.	" Whitefield
James Durran, M.A.	Mr. John M. Grant	" Willesden
		" " College Park
William Ballantyne, } <i>Emeritus, Clerk</i>	William H. Kirkaldy	" Wimbledon
Duncan Macrae }	Alfred Hawkins	" Wood Green
* William M. Thom- } son, <i>Emeritus</i>	James Blest	" Woolwich, New Road
William Raitt, Ph.D. }		" Woolwich, St. Andrew's
James A. Rentoul, B.A., LL.D.	John Garrett	Norwich
William A. McAllan	Alexander B. Inglis	Portsmouth
Andrew Halliday, M.A.		Rangoon
* William Kidd	Robert Morton	Reading
Nathaniel A. Ross, M.A.	Gainsford Bruce	St. Leonard's, Silverhill
Wm. Armstrong, M.A.	John Hume	" Warrior Sq.
J. Jeffrey Johnstone		Singapore
* Alex. S. McPhee, M.A., B.D.	G. E. Sloper	Southampton, St. Andrew's
* Robert Vint, M.A., B.D.	* Dr. John H. Aldridge	" Totton
* John Johnstone	Mr. John Johnstone	" Woolston
* Wesley A. Rodger	Richard Wicks	Wallington
James Stuart, M.A.		

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. Arthur McArthur	Mr. Thomas P. Lourie	Blackburn, Mount St.
A. B. Grosart, D.D., LL.D.	* James Watson	" St. George's
J. Boston Johnstone	Robert Alexander	Bolton
* Robert S. Coffey	James Mather	Bradford
* Robert W. Roberts	* Charles H. Johnson	Crewe
W. Edmund Crothers	George Forsyth	Leeds, Cavendish Road
* William A. S. Croall		" St. Columba
Walter Duncan, M.A.	Alexander Forrest	Manchester, Ancoats
Wm. T. Johnston, B.A.	Charles Macdonald	" Bowdon
W. Rigby Murray	Thomas Hall	" Brunswick St.
Wm. D. Fairbairn, M.A.	James W. Hindshaw	" Eccles
James Brown	W. T. Hislop	" Grosvenor Sq.
William Young, B.A.	John Edwards	" Higher Broughton
Alex. Bannatyne, M.A.	James Cash	" Longsight
John Robertson, M.A.	John Muir	" Pendleton
J. Thoburn McGaw, M.A.	Adam Hogg	" Sale
John Reid, M.A.	John A. Beith	" Salford
James Lees	James Robb	" St. Andrew's
William McCaw, D.D., <i>Synod Clerk</i>	Hugh L. McInnes	" Trinity
John Slater	George Williamson	" Whalley Range
Benjamin Bell, M.A., B.D.	John Oswald	" Withington
	Andrew Macgregor	Oldham
Samuel Macnaughton, M.A.		Preston
* W. Hume Elliot	James Parlane	Ramsbottom
* James Cleland, <i>Emeritus</i>	* Robert H. Brown	Risley
William Tees		Rochdale

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.—*Continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. Jas. Warnock, M.A., B.D.	Mr. James H. Parker	Sheffield
Jno. Gordon, M.A. <i>Clerk</i>	James Paterson	<i>Tunley</i>
Enoch Franks	James McAlpine	Warrington
	Francis Johnston	Wharton
		Wigan

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
*Rev. William W. Ney	Mr. Bertram Armstrong	Bellingham
Alexander Baillie	Alexander M. Thompson	Blackhill
James Craig	John Rankine	Blyth, Bridge Street
	Jacob Keenlyside	" Waterloo Road
Alexander L. Henderson	George M. Watt	Durham
M. Gardiner Campbell,	J. Collingwood Bruce,	Falstone
M.A.	LL.D.	
* Robert Stewart, M.A.	James Bell	Gateshead, Durham Road
* W. T. McClenaghan	George Gray	" Ellison Street
John Reid, jun., M.A.	* William T. Davison	Gosforth
* Alexander Lobban	John Nesbit	Hebburn
John M. Wilson	William Riddle	Hexham
* James Milligan, D.D.	John Batey	Houghton-le-Spring
* John C. Weir	* Hugh Gunn	Jarrow, Ellison Street
* William Profeit, M.A.	George Bell, jun.	" St. Kilda's
	William Sutton	Killingworth
* George Bell	James M. Dickson	Newcastle, Barras Bridge
Jno. B. Hastings, M.A. }	John Crosby	" Blackett Street
Richard Leitch	Archibald Turnbull	" Erskine
* Robert Brown	William Johnson	" Heaton
James Carswell, M.A.	James Hall	" John Knox
Alex. Phimister, M.A.	Mark Easton	" St. George's
James G. Potter	Ralph Carr	" Trinity
John B. Meharry, B.A.	Alexander Taylor	" Westmoreland
John Thompson, M.A.		Road
David Tasker	* Peter Brown	North Shields, Howard St.
* William T. Bankhead,	James Wait	" Northumber-
M.A.		land Square
John King, M.A.	Harrison Alnwick	Seaham
Thomas Robinson	Samuel Malcolm	Seaton Burn
John Brown	Alexander Purvis	Seaton Delaval
* Sylvester M. McClelland	William Glover	South Shields, Laygate
William Steele, M.A.	William Blain	" Mile End Rd.
James Mackenzie, <i>Clerk</i>	John Imrie	" St. John's
J. G. Walton, M.A., B.D.	George Hannay	" St. Paul's
David Merson, M.A., B.D.	John Renton, jun.	Stamfordham
	James Maclaren	Sunderland, N. Bridge St.
W. Ainslie Walton,		
M.A., B.D.	Robert A. Bartram	" St. George's
William Dryburgh,	George A. Tate	" St. Stephen's
M.A., B.D.	Thomas Campbell	" Smyrna
John Parker, <i>Emeri-</i>		" Trinity
<i>tus</i>	Benjamin Morton	Swalwell
John W. Ellison, M.A. }	Joshua Davidson	Walden
James S. Rae	John Campbell	Wallsend
William Fairweather	Joseph Davidson	Wark
Gustavus J. Goodman	George B. Bruce	Willington Quay
Wm. Stuart, M.A., B.D.	George A. Allan	
* Adam T. Landreth		
James Craig		

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
*Rev. William Limont	Mr. John Easton	Alnwick, Clayport Street
* David Donaldson	* James Heatley	" Lisburn Street
Robert McNair	John Bolam	" St. James's
Alexander Forsyth	John Storey	Bavington
R. J. Adamson, M.A.	James Farquharson	Bedlington
Thomas Newlands	James Riddell	Birdhopecraig
* James Blythe, M.A.	William Morton	Branton
William S. Spence	Rev. W. Kennedy Moore, D.D.	Embleton
James Lemon	Mr. Robert Amos	Felton
* Robert H. Davidson	James Dryden	Glanton
* John Scott	Septimus Oliver	Harbottle
* William R. Barrie		Longframlington
A. H. Drysdale, M.A.	W. S. Wilkinson	Morpeth
	Thomas Brown	Newbiggin
* Allan Wilson	* James Brown	North Middleton
George Henderson	James Ewing	North Sunderland
* Robert P. Douglas	John Riddle	Otterburn
* David S. Fergus, M.A.	Alexander Armour	Thropton
* William Addison	J. R. Robertson	Warenford
Wm. Rogerson, <i>Clerk</i>	John Wilson	Warkworth
Matthew Edwards, M.A.	Dr. Leone Levi	Widdrington
James L. Muirhead } * Alexander McClellan } * James McLeish }	Mr. Ralph Robson	Wooler, Cheviot Street
	George Small	" Tower Hill
	Robert Morton	" West Chapel

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS FROM THE UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

*Rev. George Clark Hutton, D.D., <i>Moderator</i>	Rev. George B. Carr
* Robert S. Scott, D.D.	James Kidd, B.D., <i>Ministers</i>
Thomas Whitelaw, D.D.	* Professor Calderwood, LL.D.
James Jeffrey, M.A.	* Mr. Stewart Clark, M.P.
J. L. Munro, B.D.	* John Dick Peddie, M.P.
Matthew Galbraith, M.A.	John Hay, <i>Ruling Elders</i>

Note A.—The Places in *italics* in the preceding Roll are Preaching Stations.

Note B.—Members, whose names have an asterisk (*) prefixed, not having given in Attendance Cards, there is no record of their having been present at the Synod.

Moderator
appointed.

The Rev. R. H. Lundie reported that the Board of Nomination have nominated the Rev. Robert Taylor, Minister at Upper Norwood, to be the Moderator of this Synod. The Synod cordially confirmed the nomination; and Mr. Taylor, by desire of the House, took the Chair, and delivered a suitable address.

Standing
Orders.

The Standing Orders of the last Synod were adopted, and were held as read.

Ministerial
Changes.

The Synod called for the Report of the Ministerial Changes that have taken place during the past Synodical year, which Report was given in by the Clerk.

The Synod receive the Report, and order that it be preserved along with the other Reports submitted to the House.

The attention of the Synod was called to the fact that since the last meeting Mr. Robert Barbour, of Bolesworth Castle, has deceased; and a Committee was appointed, consisting of the Revs. Principal Chalmers and Robert H. Lundie, with Messrs. John A. Beith and Hugh M. Matheson (Mr. Matheson, Convener), to prepare a suitable Minute with reference thereto, and to report at a subsequent Sederunt.

The thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Rev. Robert H. Lundie for his conduct in the Chair at the last meeting of the Synod, and for the Sermon this evening delivered.

The Synod appointed the following Committees :—

Committees.

I.—Committee on Bills and Business.

Nominated by Presbyteries.—*Ministers*—Revs. A. F. Douglas, A. M. Dalrymple, John More, J. M. Bonnar, Thomas Boyd, William T. Linn, George Lewis, Thomas Macpherson, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Hamilton, Charles Moinet, J. T. McGaw, Benjamin Bell, John Thompson, David Tasker, and Alexander Forsyth. *Elders*—Messrs. Robert Wales, John Bell, Robert T. Turnbull, J. Imrie, and Robert Amos.

Nominated by the Synod.—*Ministers*—Revs. William S. Swanson, Robert H. Lundie, George Johnstone, Professor Elmslie, Dr. Nicolson, Dr. MacEwan, William Dale, Dr. Dykes, Dr. Morison, William Ballantyne, John Reid, Sen., Richard Leitch, the General Secretary, and the Synod Clerk. *Elders*—Messrs. James C. Stevenson, Thomas P. Dods, Samuel Stitt, Samuel Smith, W. P. Sinclair, Hugh M. Matheson, George Duncan, George B. Bruce, Charles H. Johnson, Walter Graham, and Thomas Matheson. *Convener*—Rev. Robert H. Lundie. *Clerk*—Rev. John Reid, Sen.

II.—Committee on Commissions and Records.

Ministers—Revs. James M. McKerrow, Robert Cowan, Joseph Wood, Robert Duff, Dr. Murphy, J. T. McGaw, W. Hume Elliot, John Gordon, William Young, James Mackenzie, A. H. Drysdale, William Addison, W. Ainslie Walton, W. R. W. Rentoul, John Bogue, John Watson, Dr. Howat, James Lees, James Christie, H. C. Wilson, John B. Hastings. *Elders*—Messrs. John Gunn, Dr. P. W. MacLagan,

Alexander Guthrie, Robert Sumner, James Goodman, William Carruthers, Robert Wales, Joseph Clarke, William Garden, Charles Kynoch, William Melles, Robert Morton, Gainsford Bruce, John A. Beith, James Robb, George Bell, William Sutton, James Farquharson. *Convener*—Rev. J. Thoburn McGaw. *Clerk*—Rev. James Mackenzie.

III.—Selection Committee.

Nominated by Presbyteries.—*Ministers*—Revs. John Davidson, G. M. Smith, W. Rodger, David Eades, John Selater, J. Bogue, William Hutton, James Mackenzie, William Rogerson. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Bell. *Conveners of Standing Committees*—*Ministers*—Revs. Dr. Fraser, Dr. MacEwan, Dr. Edmond, Robert H. Lundie, Dr. Dykes, James Towers, Dr. Gibson, W. Rigby Murray, James Muir, James Christie, Dr. McCaw. *Elders*—Messrs. George B. Bruce, Hugh M. Matheson, Dr. Leone Levi, George Duncan. *Convener*—Rev. Dr. Fraser. *Clerk*—Rev. James Muir.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock for the observance of the Lord's Supper, and thereafter for ordinary business; of which public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Tuesday, April
28th.

*At London, and within Regent Square
Church, on Tuesday, the 28th day
of April, 1885, at Ten o'clock a.m.*

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Lord's Supper. The Synod proceeded to the observance of the Lord's Supper, the Moderator conducting the Service, assisted by the Revs. Robert H. Lundie, George Elder, and William Hutton.

The solemn service being concluded, the Moderator pronounced the Benediction, the Synod still remaining constituted.

Business. After an interval of ten minutes, the Synod resumed its ordinary business.

Minutes sustained. The Minutes of last evening's Sederunt were read and sustained.

Attention was called to the fact that inadvertently it was overlooked at last evening's Sederunt that Mr. Alexander Gillespie, an honoured Elder of this Church, had deceased since last meeting, and it was resolved,—That suitable notice of the loss which the Church has sustained by his death be recorded in the minutes of the Synod, and that the preparation of the notice be entrusted to the Committee appointed in the case of Mr. Robert Barbour, the name of Dr. Dykes being added to that Committee.

Mr. Alex.
Gillespie.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Elders' Commissions, which was submitted by the Rev. J. T. McGaw, Convener, to the effect that there have been transmitted to the Clerk two hundred and sixty Commissions, and that they have all been found in regular order.

Elders'
Commissions.

The Synod receive the Report, and sustain all the Commissions.

There was laid on the table and read a Commission from the United Presbyterian Synod, bearing that the following brethren have been appointed the Synod's Corresponding Members to this Meeting of Synod, namely:—Revs. George Clark Hutton, D.D., *Moderator*; Robert Selkirk Scott, D.D., Thomas Whitelaw, D.D., James Jeffrey, M.A., J. L. Munro, B.D., Matthew Galbraith, M.A., George B. Carr, and James Kidd, B.D., *Ministers*; with the Rev. Professor Calderwood, LL.D., Stewart Clark, Esq., M.P., John Dick Peddie, Esq., M.P., and John Hay, Esq., *Elders*.

Corresponding
Members.

The Synod sustained the Commission, and instructed the names of these esteemed Corresponding Members to be added to the Roll.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Bills and Business, which was given in by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener.

Bills and
Business.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve to take up the business, so far as arranged, in the order indicated.

The Synod took up Applications—from the Presbytery of London, in favour of the Rev. P. Carmichael, M.A., B.D., and from the Presbytery of Newcastle, in favour of the Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A., to the effect that these brethren be admitted to the Ministry of this Church; and from the Presbytery of London, in favour of Mr. Thomas Boyd, M.A., Student of Divinity, to the effect that he be admitted to the Exit Examination at the close of the next College Session.

Applications
from Persons.

The Synod refer these Applications to a Committee, consisting of the

Revs. James M. McKerrow, John More, H. C. Wilson, Benjamin Bell, George Henderson, Dr. Raitt, Dr. J. Thain Davidson, *Ministers*; John Johnstone, Robert Wales, Thomas Hall, James R. Robertson, John Bolam, and Stacey Gee, *Elders*; Rev. J. M. McKerrow, Convener: with instructions to consider them, and report to a subsequent Sederunt.

Application
from Station.

The Synod took up an Application from the Presbytery of Newcastle in regard to the Preaching Station at Millfield, Sunderland, to the effect that it be raised to the status of a regular charge, as soon as this step seem good to the Presbytery.

The Synod receive the Application, and refer it to a Committee, with instructions that they consider it, and report to a future diet—the Committee to consist of the Revs. A. H. Drysdale, Robert Macnair, James Christie, Thomas Macpherson, David Henderson, Charles Moinet, and Dr. McEwan, *Ministers*; with Messrs. W. Sutton, W. R. Galbraith, James Robb, James Heatley, Joseph Clarke, and Robert Morton, *Elders*; Dr. McEwan, Convener.

Appeal by Mr.
James G.
Weir.

The Synod took up an Appeal by Mr. James G. Weir against a judgment of the Presbytery of London, in the case of a Petition from him in reference to certain matters in the Session and Congregation of Hampstead.

Without meanwhile reading the papers, or calling the parties, the Synod remit the Appeal to a Committee, with power to summon and hear parties, and with instructions to consider the case, and report to a subsequent Sederunt, it being understood that the rights of parties are reserved—the Committee to consist of the following members: Revs. J. B. Thorburn, J. H. Boyd, W. Young, Dr. Symington, J. Mellis, W. Rogerson, David Tasker, W. Hutton, *Ministers*; with Messrs. J. A. Beith, Thomas Holder, Allan Paton, Charles MacDonald, Francis Johnstone, Alexander Guthrie, James Dryden, *Elders*; Rev. W. Hutton, Convener.

Appeal and
Petition from
Brockley.

The Synod took up an Appeal by Mr. James MacGregor and others, against a judgment of the Presbytery of London, in the case of a protest by them in regard to certain action of the Minister and others in the Brockley Congregation, at a meeting thereof, on the 19th of March; also, a Petition signed by Mr. John McKinlay and others, and transmitted by the Presbytery of London, praying for inquiry by the Synod into the financial affairs of the Church at Brockley.

The Synod, without meanwhile reading the papers, or calling the parties, remit both cases to a Committee, with power to summon and hear parties, and with instructions to consider them, and report to a future diet—it being understood that the rights of parties are reserved—the Committee to consist of the Revs. A. F. Douglas, Robert Cowan, John Bogue, James Fraser, J. Bodel, James Mackenzie, W. A. Walton, W. T. Linn, and J. T. McGaw, *Ministers*; with Messrs. R. Amos, John Gunn, Walter Graham, J. P. Dods, Thomas Matheson, W. S. Wilkinson, James T. Dickson, *Elders*; Rev. J. T. McGaw, *Convener*.

The Synod called for the Report of the Home Mission Committee, Home Mission. which was laid on the table by Mr. George B. Bruce, *Convener*.

The Synod resolved itself into a Conference on the State of Religion Conference. as indicated in the Reports of Synod Deputies for the past year.

The Conference was addressed by the Rev. Robert H. Lundie, Mr. Robert Wales, Mr. Robert Amos, Rev. J. T. McGaw, Mr. W. S. Wilkinson, Mr. Thomas Bell, Mr. James Goodman, Rev. M. Edwards, Mr. Francis Johnstone, Rev. R. Leitch, Rev. W. Fraser, Rev. J. M. Bonnar, Rev. S. Macnaughton, and Rev. Thomas Robinson.

After continuing in Conference for one hour, the Synod resumed. Synod resumed.

The Synod appointed, as their Deputies for the ensuing year, the Deputies. following brethren:—Revs. the Moderator, Dr. A. B. Grosart, S. R. Macphail, and John Thompson, *Ministers*; and Messrs. W. S. Wilkinson, James Goodman, Thomas Matheson, and Francis Johnston, *Elders*; and resolved that the congregations visited be those of the Presbytery of London lying South of the Thames, not yet visited, and those in the Presbytery of Berwick.

The Deputies appeared before the Synod, and were solemnly set apart to their Mission by prayer—the Rev. Dr. Edmond leading the devotions of the House.

On the motion of the Convener, the Home Mission Report was Reorganisation Scheme. received by the Synod.

It was moved and seconded, That the scheme of the proposed re- First Motion. organisation of the Committee, as set forth in Appendix B of the Home Mission Report, be approved.

It was moved and seconded, as a second motion, That the Synod see Second Motion. no cause to justify the adoption of the change recommended to them by

the Home Mission Committee. They are of opinion that it contains elements of disintegration and of danger, and that the complicated machinery proposed for carrying out the plan involves serious waste of time and money. They find that the work which it is proposed to commit to three District Boards is already constitutionally provided for in the functions belonging to ten Presbyteries, which are District Courts, and have the right of forming Committees for Church Extension, Evangelisation, and kindred purposes, and of placing upon said Committees, as they may see fit, representative men who are not, as well as men who are, Presbyters.

The Synod, judging the existing scheme to be safer, better, and more constitutional than the plan submitted, decline to adopt said plan.

Further, the Synod urge upon Presbyteries the importance of faithfully and carefully giving attention to the subjects of Church Extension, Church Building, Evangelisation, and related matters, and of maintaining their Committees for the furtherance of these purposes in a state of efficiency.

Third
Motion.

It was moved and seconded, as a third motion—That the portion of the Report having reference to the reorganisation of the Committee be referred back to the Committee for further consideration, with a view of making suggestions for the better development of the present ecclesiastical machinery, rather than of recommending additional machinery.

Finding.

After reasoning, the Synod proceeded to the vote.

The mover and seconder of the third motion, with consent of the Synod, withdrew the same; and a vote was taken between the first and second motions, when it was found that the first was carried by a decisive majority; wherefore the Synod came to a finding in terms of the first motion.

The Convener of the Committee, on the cases relating to Brockley, requested that for special reasons that Committee be allowed to meet to-morrow whilst the Synod is sitting.

The Synod granted permission accordingly.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock, whereof public intimation having been given, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT. .

At London, and within Regent Square Tuesday,
Church, on Tuesday, the 28th day April 28th.
of April, 1885, at Six o'clock p.m.

The Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading Constituted.
of the Word, and prayer.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Home Mission Report; Home Mission
when, on the Convener's motion, the Synod adopted the Rules for the
Re-organisation of the Committee; and the Rules for the Administra-
tion of the Funds, as detailed in Appendix B of the Committee's
Report.

Further, the Synod, recognising the responsibility which rests upon
the Church to do much more than it has done in the past to reach the
masses of those who are outside of direct Christian influences, direct the
earnest attention of Presbyteries to the urgency of this need, to the end
that there may be no Congregation of the Church which is not putting
forth personal effort to draw into the fold of Christ the careless and
neglected.

The Synod leave in the hands of the Committee for another year the
Overture of the Presbytery of Newcastle, on the preaching of the Gospel
by others than regular Licentiates and Ministers, and also the Overture
on the ordination of Home Missionaries, with instructions to lay the
conclusions at which the Committee may arrive before the Presbyteries
of the Church, and to obtain their judgment on them in the course of
the year, so as to mature the questions for consideration by the Synod
of 1886.

The Synod called for the Jewish Mission Report, which was sub- Jewish Mission.
mitted by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, Convener, who addressed the Synod on
the subject.

On his motion, the Synod thankfully learn that during the past
year the work of the Mission in London has been, as before, steadfastly
prosecuted with growing evidence of interest among the Jewish popula-
tion, and with some encouraging fruits in conversions to the faith of
Jesus, and that the Missionary, with much comfort from the services of
his assistant, has been sustained in health amidst many labours. The

Synod further, now that Palestine seems closed, approve of and sanction the selection of Morocco as a field for the extension of the Mission, empower the Committee to look out for and engage a suitable agent, and commend this enlargement of the work to the interest and support of the Churches.

Foreign
Missions.

The Report of the Foreign Missions Committee was given in by Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Convener, who addressed the House thereupon.

On the Convener's motion, the Synod receive the Report on their Foreign Missions with deep interest, and record profound thanksgiving to Almighty God for the preservation of all the Missionaries and their families during the progress of the late war between France and China, not a hair of their heads having been touched. The members of the native Church have also been wonderfully kept, notwithstanding the active state of the conflict in the northern part of Formosa. The Synod desire to mark their sense of the manner in which Dr. Anderson and Mr. Thow, isolated from their brethren, watched over the interests of the Mission during the existence of the blockade of the Formosan coast.

The Synod renew their expression of warm sympathy with the work of the Mission in China, and their earnest hope that the happy termination of the recent war may be followed by a marked progress in the success of Gospel mission in that land.

The Synod gladly hear of the return of Dr. and Mrs. Morrison to Bengal, and wish them and their fellow-workers all success in their important mission there.

The Synod again commend to the congregations of the Church the Women's Missionary Association, and rejoice in the success of this excellent organisation.

The state of the funds, with a large deficiency, gives some natural concern, but it is gratifying to observe that the congregations of the Church are cheerfully responding to the claims of the Mission when these are placed before them. On the other hand, the Committee, while abstaining from any further extension, are taking steps to limit the outlays in the Mission Field, and to lay increased pecuniary responsibility upon the native Church. In this way the Synod hope there may soon be an equilibrium.

Addreses.

The Synod was thereafter addressed—and there was a numerous general audience—by the Rev. Theodore J. Meyer, on the work of the Jewish Mission in London; by the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, on the difficulties

and successes of work among the Jews ; by the Rev. Henry Thompson, from Amoy, on the Church's Mission in that city and district ; by the Rev. Simeon R. Macphail, on Ministerial, Medical, and Female Missionary work generally ; by Rev. William S. Swanson, on the Home Mission ; and by the Rev. John Fordyce, of Simla, on Missionary work in India.

The addresses were solemn and stimulating, and were preceded and followed by services of prayer and praise.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Wednesday,
Church, on Wednesday, the 29th April 29th.
day of April, 1885, at Ten
o'clock a.m.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read and sustained. Minutes sustained.

A supplementary Report was submitted from the Business Committee, which was received by the Synod ; the House resolving to proceed with the business in the order indicated. Business.

The Synod took up an Application from the Office-bearers of the Kentish Town Church, through the Presbytery of London, for authority to enlarge the powers of the Trustees of said Church, in order to enable them to extinguish an existing mortgage, and to effect a mortgage with the Henderson Trust Fund. Kentish Town.

The Synod receive the Application, and refer it to the Committee on Applications from Persons, with instructions to consider it, and report to a subsequent Sederunt.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Newcastle, Wark, in regard to the position of affairs at Wark, so far as the Minister's relation to the congregation is concerned.

Without requiring the Reference to be stated, the Synod remit it to a Committee, consisting of the Revs. Dr. Gibson, Dr. Morison, James Muir, with Messrs. Gainsford Bruce, R. T. Turnbull, John Bolam, and George B. Bruce—Dr. Gibson, Convener; with instructions to consider it, and report to a future diet.

Risley.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Home Mission Committee, in regard to the peculiar position of the congregation at Risley.

The Synod remit the Reference to the Committee on Applications from Places, with instructions to consider it and report.

Rev. G. Mole

The Synod took up a Petition from the Rev. George Mole, praying for a change as to the Roll of Probationers on which his name stands.

The Synod remit the Petition to the Committee on Applications from Persons, with instructions to consider it and report.

General
Purposes.

The Report of the Committee on General Purposes was submitted by Mr. George Duncan, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and adopt the regulations for economising the time at the disposal of the Synod as detailed in the Committee's Report, with these exceptions,—1. That in Clause (2) in the business of Tuesday, after the word 'received,' the words, 'by a formal recognition from the Moderator's Chair without addresses,' be deleted, and these words inserted, 'by an official recognition from the Moderator's Chair, with a brief reply from one of the Corresponding Members.' 2. That the Clauses (3) and (4) in the business of Tuesday be re-committed to the General Purposes Committee for re-consideration, and report to the present Meeting of Synod. And 3. That the Clause in the business of Friday, beginning with the word 'Further,' be deleted.

The Synod resolved that the Regulations so adopted be in force, so far as they apply, during the remaining sederunts of this Synod.

Further, the Synod approve of the suggestions of the Committee in regard to the best method of bringing before the members of the Church, from time to time, special departments of Christian duty, and in terms of the same, appoint a Committee, consisting of the Revs. the Moderator, Dr. Dykes, Dr. Macleod, and Mr. George Duncan, to prepare a letter, to be issued immediately after the Synod, on the subject—'The duty of loyalty to our own branch of the Church in harmony with love to the Church universal.' They also instruct the General Purposes Committee to nominate a small Committee to deter-

mine the subject, and to prepare the draft of a letter to be issued immediately after the rising of the next Synod.

The Synod appoint the Annual Collections for Synodical Funds during the ensuing year as follow :—

For Foreign Missions on the third Sabbath of May, 1885.

„ Continental Work	„	„	July	„
„ Instruction of Youth	„	„	Sept.	„
„ The College	„	„	Nov.	„
„ The Jewish Mission	„	„	Jan. 1886.	
„ The Home Mission	„	„	Mar.	„

The Synod further instruct the General Purposes Committee to consider whether the business of the Church could be efficiently transacted by having three Meetings of the Synodical Committees during the year rather than four, and to report to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Ministerial Support, which was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Joint Convener, who addressed the House on the various branches of the subject.

Ministerial
Support.

On his motion, the Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee, and resolve as follows :—

I.—SUSTENTATION FUND.

Regard with much thankfulness the maintenance of the equal dividend at the undiminished figure of £200, and the steadiness with which this Fund is supported, even in times of commercial depression.

At the same time, regret to find that the amount of aid supplied has been dwindling during the past three years, and call the serious attention of the aid-giving congregations to this fact as tending to defeat all that is gained by the progress of the aid-receiving charges, and by the careful and economical administration of the Fund.

In the hope of increased aid during the ensuing year, authorise the Committee to admit, if they judge it prudent, two additional aid-receiving charges to the benefits of the Fund.

II.—AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

Commend the care with which this Fund has been nursed; and in view of the narrow margin between its income and expenditure, and the embarrassment which might be caused by the addition of even one or

two new claims, recommend this object to members of the Church for special donations or legacies.

In terms of the recommendation in the Report, place the Rev. James Fettes on the Fund for a grant of £45 per annum, to date from the acceptance of his resignation of the charge at Douglas by the Presbytery of Liverpool.

III.—WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

Approve and confirm the admission of the Revs. Dr. MacEwan and W. Armstrong on the terms reported.

Resolve, in terms of the Committee's recommendation, to add the following to the Rules for the administration of this Fund :

‘In the case of Ministers inducted into charges in the Church who have come from Churches other than those with which relations of mutual eligibility are established, any such Minister who is above the age of thirty at the time of his induction shall be chargeable on his settlement with an amount equal to what he would have been required to pay to this Fund had he been settled at that age, together with interest on that amount at five per cent., payable by double rates till the whole amount has been made up.’

Express great satisfaction that the sum of £2,000 of additional capital, referred to in the Report, and in previous Synods has been obtained, and their thanks to the brethren who have laboured to secure this result.

Overtures, The Synod took up two Overtures from the Presbytery of Newcastle on the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund.

The Overtures having been read, were supported respectively by the Rev. J. Parker and the Rev. J. Mackenzie.

The Synod receive the Overtures, and remit them to the Committee on Ministerial Support, with instructions to consider them, and report to next meeting of Synod.

College, The Report of the College Committee was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

On his motion, the Synod—

1. Receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee.

2. They have heard with thankfulness to God of the good order, industry, and progress with which the work of last College Session was carried forward, and especially the improved health of the Rev. the Principal ; and assure the Students now ready for license of the Church's

prayers for their future usefulness in the holy ministry ; but, considering that the Church has need of a larger number of candidates for ministerial office, the Synod deem it right to urge parents, and others possessing influence over them, to set before godly and capable young men the claims upon them of this sacred calling.

3. The Synod appoint the following brethren to be members of the Board of Examination, viz.: The Rev. J. T. McGaw, M.A., Minister at Sale ; the Rev. J. B. Thorburn, M.A., B.D., Minister at Birmingham ; and the Rev. Ch. Moinet, M.A., Minister at Kensington ; with power to the Committee, should any of these brethren be unable to act, to appoint an Examiner in his room ; sanction the proposal to add the elements of Hebrew Grammar to the present subjects of Entrance Examination, and authorise the special arrangements for Exit Examination, suggested in the case of Mr. MacPherson.

4. The Synod have heard with high satisfaction of the generous bequest to the College of £5,000 by the late Robert Barbour, Esq., of Bolesworth, the founder of the Barbour chair, and recognise in this legacy a final testimony to the large-hearted interest which their departed friend has all along taken in the College.

5. The Synod record their grateful sense of the liberal additions recently made to the College Library by the Will of the late Alexander Gillespie, Esq., whose benefactions during his lifetime were numerous and valuable, as also by the generosity of an esteemed minister of the Church, the Rev. J. A. Huie, of Wooler, and commend to all friends of the College the fund set on foot for the permanent endowment of the Library.

6. Finally the Synod instruct the Selection Committee to nominate Visitors, not fewer than three or more than five in number, to conduct during the coming Synodical year the second triennial visitation of the College, under the regulations laid down by last Synod ; at the same time enjoining said Visitors to give special heed on this occasion to College finance, with a view to recommend, if possible, some judicious plan by which a balance may be restored between income and expenditure.

The Synod called for the Report of the College Trustees, which was submitted by Mr. John Johnstone, Convener.

College
Trustees.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

Senatus. The Report of the College Senatus was submitted by Principal Chalmers.

The Synod receive the Report with thanks to the Senatus.

Congregational Union. The Synod took up an Overture from the London Presbytery in regard to dealings with property in the possession of Congregationalists.

The Overture having been read, was supported by the Rev. Dr. Fraser.

The Synod receive the Overture, and remit it to a Committee, to be nominated by the Selection Committee, with instructions to consider it, and report to a subsequent Sederunt.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Wednesday,
April 29th.

*At London, and within Regent Square
Church, on Wednesday, the 29th
day of April, 1885, at Six o'clock
p.m.*

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Congregational Union. The Selection Committee submitted, and the Synod adopted, the following names as those of the Committee appointed at last Sederunt on the Overture regarding relations with the Congregational Union, namely:—Revs. A. F. Douglas, J. M. McKerrow, David R. Cowan, John More, J. H. Boyd, John Bogue, Charles Friskin, William Hutton, Dr. Symington, Thomas Macpherson, James Muir, Robert Duff, James Barles, W. Young, John Reid, S. Macnaughton, Benjamin Bell, W. A. Walton, Thomas Robinson, John Thompson, W. Rogerson, W. Steele, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Dykes, Dr. Edmond, W. Ballantyne, *Ministers*; Messrs. J. C. Stevenson, Walter Graham, Allan Paton, Thomas P. Dods, George A. Main, W. R. Galbraith, G. H. Brown, S. Stitt, James Robb, George Bell, Junior, John Imrie, R. Amos, John Bolam, G. B. Bruce, H. M. Matheson, W. Carruthers, John Bell, *Elders*; Mr. R. Amos, *Convener*.

The Synod instructed this Committee to meet on Thursday Evening, at a quarter past Five o'clock.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Public Praise, Public Praise, which was submitted by the Rev. W. Rigby Murray, Convener.

It was moved and seconded: The Synod receive the Report; sanc- ^{First Motion.} tion the alterations made by the Committee in 'School Praise'; recommend it to be used in Sunday Schools and Bible Classes throughout the Church. Further, the Synod reiterate the recommendation of last year, namely, that a Service of Praise Committee be appointed in every Presbytery, a Choral Association in every town or district, and a Class for instruction in Music in every Congregation.

It was moved and seconded, as a second motion: That the Synod ^{Second Motion.} receive the Report of the Public Praise Committee on 'School Praise,' and refer the same back to a Special Committee as in 'Church Praise,' with full powers to revise, print, and issue to the Church as soon as possible.

It was moved and seconded, as a third motion:

That 'School Praise,' as now presented to this Court, be recom- ^{Third Motion.} mended by the Synod for use in schools and families, with the following alterations, viz.:

(1) That on the title-page there be added, after the words 'Rev. W. Rigby Murray,' 'With assistance of the Public Praise Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England.'

(2) That the hymn 'O God of Bethel' be substituted for Hymn 17.

At this stage the Order of the Day for hearing Deputations from ^{Deputations.} Sister Churches having arrived, the Synod postponed the further consideration of this subject till after the reception of the Deputies.

The Synod therefore proceeded to receive Deputations.

There were laid on the table Extract Minutes from the records of the ^{Free Church.} General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, expressing the cordiality with which the Assembly received the deputation from this Synod last year, and their continued interest in the Home and Foreign work of this Church; and from the Records of the General Assembly's Arrangements Committee, bearing that the following brethren have been appointed as a Deputation to this Synod, namely: The Rev. Walter Ross Taylor, D.D., Moderator of last General Assembly; the Rev. John Adam, D.D., Glasgow; Francis Brown Douglas, Esq., Ex-Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh; and Robert Russell Simpson, Writer to the Signet, Depute Clerk of the General Assembly.

Dr. Taylor, Mr. Simpson, and Dr. Adam being present, were introduced to the Synod, and successively addressed the House.

Irish
Presbyterian
Church.

A Letter was read from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, expressive of the continued and lively interest of that Church in all that concerns the welfare of this; and descriptive of the difficulties, the work, and the progress of the Church in Ireland.

The Synod receive with much satisfaction this communication; order it to be printed with the Reports of the Synod; and instruct the Deputation to the Irish Assembly to assure that Court that their fraternal regards are cordially reciprocated by this Church.

The Synod was addressed by the Rev. M. Galbraith and the Rev. George B. Carr, Corresponding Members from the United Presbyterian Church.

Reformed
Church of
France.

A Commission was laid on the table from the Synod of the Reformed Church of France, in favour of Pastor Wheateroft as a Deputy to this Synod.

He was introduced to the Synod by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, and addressed the House.

Canada.

The Synod was addressed also by the Rev. Alexander McGillivray, Agent of the Board of French Evangelisation in Canada, on the work of the Board among the French Canadians.

Thanks.

The Deputations were then severally and suitably addressed by the Moderator, who tendered to them the thanks of the Synod for their valued addresses.

Conference.

The Synod appointed a Committee to confer with the Deputies from the Free Church Assembly in reference to the proposed Federal Relations and kindred matters; the Committee to be the Revs. the Moderator, Dr. Dykes, Dr. Morison, John Black, R. H. Lundie, and Mr. S. Stitt.

Free Church
of Scotland.

As the Synod are not this year sending a Deputation to the Free Church Assembly, they instruct the Moderator and Clerk to prepare and transmit to that Assembly a Letter of Greeting from this House.

Public Praise.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report on Public Praise, when the movers and seconders of the three motions previously submitted withdrew the same with consent of the House, and the following became the finding of the Synod: That the Report of the Committee

be received; that 'School Praise,' as now presented, be recommended to the Synod for use in schools and families, with the following alterations, namely:—1. That on the title-page there be added, after the words 'Rev. W. Rigby Murray,' 'With the assistance of the Public Praise Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England.' 2. That the hymn 'O God of Bethel' be substituted for Hymn 17.

Further, the Synod instruct the Treasurership Committee to confer with Messrs. J. Nisbet & Co. on the business agreement, and to report to a subsequent diet of this Synod.

The Synod, moreover, reiterate the recommendation of last year, that a Service of Praise Committee be appointed in every Presbytery, a Choral Association in every town or district, and a Class for instruction in Music in every Congregation.

The Synod gave leave to the Session of Regent Square Church to meet for special business on Friday morning at 9.45 o'clock. Regent Square.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment.

SIXTH SIDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Church, on Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1885, at Ten o'clock a.m. Thursday.
April 30th.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer. Constituted.

The minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were laid on the table, held as read, and were sustained. Minutes sustained.

It having appeared that it is impracticable for the General Purposes Committee to meet and re-consider certain Clauses in their Report, so as to report—as instructed yesterday—to this meeting of Synod, the House resolved that that Committee submit their Report on said Clauses to the next meeting of Synod. General Purposes.

The Synod called for the Report of the Treasurership Committee, Treasurership.

which was given in by Mr. George Duncan, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report, with Statements of Accounts; record their thankfulness that throughout another year of severe commercial depression the various funds have been so well sustained; urge all the congregations of the Church to devise means to enable them to contribute in some form towards the maintenance of all the schemes; recognise the necessity of care in the appointment of Committees, to correct the present tendency to excessive expense for travelling; authorise the proposed contribution towards the working expenses of the Presbyterian Alliance; and draw the attention of congregations throughout the Church to the provision now made for the safe custody of Title Deeds and other important papers. The Synod further express their satisfaction in finding that the Hymn Book has proved so great a financial success; sanction the allowance to Messrs. Nisbet & Co. of 5 per cent. on the cost of manufacture as trade terms; and resolve that it be an instruction to the Treasurership Committee to keep in separate account the profits arising from the sale of Church Praise until the Synod shall have determined regarding the purchase of James Nisbet & Co.'s interest in the Church Praise in accordance with agreement.

The Synod appoint the Assessment for 1886 at 14s. 6d. on Membership and ordinary revenue, as follows, viz.:—

			£	s.	d.
Presbytery of Berwick	.	.	70	0	0
„ Birmingham	.	.	47	0	0
„ Bristol	.	.	42	0	0
„ Carlisle	.	.	38	0	0
„ Darlington	.	.	63	0	0
„ Liverpool	.	.	248	0	0
„ London	.	.	512	0	0
„ Manchester	.	.	149	0	0
„ Newcastle	.	.	206	0	0
„ Northumberland	.	.	60	0	0
			<u>£1,435</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Rev. R.
Redpath.

The Rev. Robert Redpath being in the House, was associated with the Synod.

Intimation was received by a telegram to the Moderator of the sudden death of the Rev. James E. Erskine, minister at Bow Church, London. Rev. J. E.
Erskine.

The Synod receive the intimation with solemnity, and offer their prayers to Almighty God on behalf of the bereaved mourners. the Rev. Dr. MacEwan leading the devotions of the Synod.

The Report of the Publications Committee was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Gibson, Convener, on whose motion the Synod receive the Report, sanction the transfer to capital account of the small balance to credit, and appoint a Committee to consider what should be done in regard to the diminished circulation of the 'Messenger,' and report before Synod rises, the Committee to consist of the Revs. Dr. Dykes, J. M. McKerrow, Alexander Jeffrey, J. B. Meharry, J. R. Howatt, A. H. Drysdale, Dr. Howat; and Messrs. George B. Bruce, H. M. Matheson, Dr. Wright, Alexander Guthrie, Wm. Sutton, Geo. Bell, junr., Thos. Hall, Geo. Williamson; Dr. Dykes, Convener. Publications.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Intercourse with other Churches, which was given in by the Rev. Robert H. Lundie, Convener. Intercourse.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report. They rejoice in continued good tidings from the sister Churches on the Continent, and especially in the fact that they have been sustained under the financial difficulties resulting from commercial depression.

They express their deep sympathy with the Christian Missionary Church of Belgium in the removal by death of Pastor Anet, the venerable, honoured, and indefatigable founder of that Church, and long its general secretary.

They regard with warm interest the negotiations now in progress between the Waldensian Church and the Free Church of Italy, and pray that they may result in a solid and permanent union of the two Churches.

They earnestly commend to the sympathy and liberality of the Church the effort originated by the General Presbyterian Council in Philadelphia in 1880, and supported by the Meeting of the Council in Belfast in 1884, to raise £5,000 for the purpose of supplying to the Bohemian Church much needed premises in Prague, for various Christian and Evangelistic uses. They trust that this Church will cheerfully bear its part in this good work, and will liberally respond to any appeals that may be made on this subject.

They rejoice in the prospect held out of entering into closer relations than heretofore with the Free Church of Scotland.

They continue to look with fraternal regard upon the Presbyterian Church of Wales, and sympathise with their efforts to increase the supply of religious ordinances in the English language—efforts in which they will hold themselves ready to co-operate in any way that may lie in their power.

They hail with satisfaction the resolution of the General Presbyterian Council to hold its next Meeting in London in 1888.

They express their earnest hope that the number of congregations contributing to Continental Missions may be largely augmented in the coming year.

They resolve to send a Deputation to the General Assembly of the Welsh Presbyterian Church; and also a Deputation to the Synod of the Church of Scotland in England, which is to meet in London at an early date; the Selection Committee to nominate the members of the Deputations.

Next Meeting. The Synod appointed its next meeting to be held in Regent Square Church, London, on the last Monday in April, 1886, at Six o'clock p.m., the Presbytery of London to make the necessary arrangements.

Confession. The Report of the Committee on the Church's Relation to the Confession of Faith was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

It was moved and seconded—

1. The Synod receive the Report and reappoint the Committee :
2. Adopt the recommendation contained in the Report that the proposed change in the Formulas should lie over for future decision :
3. Approve generally the Declaratory Statement prepared by the Committee (Appendix A), as expressing the sense in which this Church accepts the Westminster Confession of Faith; but, having regard to the importance of such a declaration, instruct all Presbyteries carefully to consider the same, and to report to the Committee before December 15th, (a) whether they judge it advisable that such a document be forthwith formally adopted by this Church; and if so (b), what alterations or additions (if any) they suggest on the draft now upon the table—said reports of Presbyteries to be transmitted by the Committee to next Synod with their judgment thereupon.

It was moved and seconded, as a second motion : That before adopting an authoritative statement that the Doctrine of Redemption set forth in the Westminster Confession is held and taught together with other doctrines set forth in the first paragraph of the Declaratory Statement, which must mean that the doctrine in the Confession is to be controlled and modified by the other doctrines stated in the said paragraph ; and that the teaching of the Confession is not to be understood in a sense inconsistent with the Statement in the second paragraph of the Declaratory Statement, which must mean that it is to be controlled and modified by the said second paragraph ; and that liberty of opinion is recognised on such points as do not enter into the ‘ substance of faith,’ which can mean nothing else than that the Confession is to cease to express the profession of belief of the Ministers and Office Bearers of the Church on all points which are not of the substance of faith ; it is desirable that the words ‘ substance of faith ’ should be defined, and that the Declaratory Statement should be referred by the Synod to the Presbyteries and Sessions in conformity with the provisions of the 249th Clause of the Book of Order, so that the Church may have an opportunity of deliberately considering the momentous consequences which may result from any such modification of the meaning of the Confession.

It was moved and seconded as a third motion, that instead of the words in paragraph three of first motion beginning [with ‘ approve generally ’ and ending with ‘ but,’ there be inserted, ‘ Receive the Declaratory Statement prepared by the Committee (Appendix A); and.’

After reasoning the Synod proceeded to the vote. The mover and seconder of the second motion, with consent of the Synod, withdrew the same. The sense of the House was taken as between the first and third motions ; and votes being reckoned it was found that the first motion was carried by a large majority. Wherefore the Synod resolved in terms of the said motion.

Further, the Synod approve the Committee’s suggestions as to the lines on which a ‘ Compendium of Fundamental Doctrine ’ should be drawn ; and being satisfied that such a document, if wisely constructed, would serve, by the Divine blessing, the important ends stated in the Report, and that the list of Articles comprised in Appendix B offer *primâ facie* a basis on which to proceed with the drafting of such a Compendium, the Synod instruct the Committee to proceed with due

care and deliberation to prepare Articles to be submitted for the consideration of a future Synod.

Finally the Synod humbly commend this grave undertaking to the Spirit of all wisdom and grace, beseeching Him to guide and further it to the glory of God and the good of His Church.

National
Crisis.

The attention of the Synod was called to the present serious crisis in the nation's affairs, and it was unanimously resolved as follows:—

The Synod, having regard to the grave apprehension of the outbreak of a great war which now occupies and burdens the public mind, deem it a duty to put on record the feelings of anxiety and distress with which they view the imminence of a hostile collision between this country and the Empire of Russia, and call upon the members of this Church to pray, and appoint that special prayer be made in all their congregations, that it may please Almighty God to guide the responsible Statesmen of both nations to an honourable and pacific solution of existing differences, and further so to order it in His providence that a happy issue may come out of present trouble in the establishment of thoroughly friendly relations between the two countries concerned, and the increase in all nations, especially in such as enjoy in any manner the light of Christianity, of a reluctance to plunge into war, and of a disposition to seek a more humane and reasonable method of adjusting international disputes.

It was resolved that a copy of this resolution be at once transmitted to the various Congregations of the Church, and also to Her Majesty's Government.

Prayer.

The Synod then engaged in special prayer in reference to the grave crisis—the Rev. Richard Leitch leading the devotions of the House.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Thursday,
April 30th.

*At London, and within Regent Square
Church, on Thursday, the 30th day
of April, 1885, at Six o'clock p.m.*

Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Judicial.

The Report of the Judicial Committee was submitted by the Clerk.

The Synod receive the Report, and re-appoint the Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers, which was given in by the Rev. James Muir, Convener.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report, with thanks to the Committee, especially the Convener.

In connection with this Report, the Synod instructed the General Purposes Committee to consider how the work of the distribution of Probationers can be efficiently carried on without taxing so heavily the time and energies of the General Secretary, and report to next meeting of Synod.

The Minutes of the Commission of Synod in the matter of certain difficulties in the united Congregation at Belford were laid on the table by the Rev. Dr. Edmond. The Synod receive them, and instruct that they be preserved along with the Minutes of Synod.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Rev. A. L. Henderson on the use of a Directory of Public Worship by the Church.

The Overture having been read, Mr. Henderson was heard in support thereof.

The Synod receive the Overture, and appoint a Committee, to be nominated by the Selection Committee, to consider the subject, and report to the next Meeting of Synod.

The Report of the Committee on Temperance was submitted by the Rev. James Towers, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

The Synod receive the Report and express thankfulness for the progress of organised temperance work throughout the Church; but in view of the abounding iniquity caused by drinking habits among the people, exhort Presbyteries and Sessions to encourage the extension of active efforts for diffusing right principles on the subject, and to establish Congregational Associations and Bands of Hope where they do not now exist.

The Synod also resolve to petition the Houses of Parliament in favour of a measure to give to the ratepayers effective control over the drink traffic, and in favour of closing public-houses in England during the whole of the Lord's Day.

In submitting his Report, the Convener intimated his resignation of his Convener'ship, owing to the infirmities of his declining years; and the following resolution was unanimously passed by the House:—

The Synod, in reluctantly accepting the resignation of Mr. Towers as Convener of the Temperance Committee, desire to place on record their high appreciation of his long and faithful service in the cause, and to express the hope that, though he can no longer undertake the responsibility of the Convenership, he may be long spared to give his valuable counsel and help in the work of the Committee.

Instruction of
Youth.

The Synod called for the Report of the Instruction of Youth Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject thereof.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee and the Examiners; re-appoint the Committee; and very earnestly recommend its important work to the prayers and liberal support of the whole Church:

Approve generally the Rules which have been drafted for the establishment and conduct of Sabbath Schools; and, without imposing them upon any schools under the Synod's care, recommend that they be adopted and acted upon in so far as local circumstances permit:

Also sanction the programme for higher instruction proposed for the coming season, and record their satisfaction with the increased results which have attended this part of the Committee's work during the past year:

Further instruct the Committee, while prosecuting with all diligence the various enterprises already commenced, to consider whether the time has not come when some examination for Sabbath School Teachers may with advantage be instituted, or what other steps it may be within the Committee's power to take with a view still further to promote an object on which the heart of the Church is so much set as the leading of her young people to mature and intelligent Christian life.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock, of which public intimation having been given, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Friday,
Church, on Friday, the 1st day of May 1st.
May, 1885, at Ten o'clock a.m.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was consti- Constituted.
 tuted with praise, reading the Word, and prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were laid on the table, held as Minutes
 read, and were sustained. sustained.

The Business Committee submitted, through its Convener, a final Business.
 Report, which the Synod receive, resolving to take up the remanent
 business in the order therein indicated.

The Synod called for the Report of the Treasurership Committee, as School Praise.
 appointed to confer with Messrs. James Nisbet & Co., in reference to
 the terms of their joint proprietorship of 'School Praise.'

The Report was submitted by Mr. George Duncan, which is as
 follows :—

The Treasurership Committee met last night with Mr. James Robert-
 son, representing Messrs. James Nisbet & Co., and beg to report that
 they have agreed with him on the following, as the terms on which they
 hereby recommend that the Synod accept the same relation to the pro-
 prietorship of 'School Praise' as it now occupies to 'Church Praise,'
 viz. :—

I. That the joint proprietorship commence from the date at which
 the Public Praise Committee found that 'School Praise' had been ren-
 dered capable of being used in public worship without confusion along
 with 'Church Praise;' interest on capital being chargeable from that
 date.

II. That the following charges be allowed as against partnership,
 viz. :—

1. Cost of Preliminaries and Plant incurred for production of the
 first edition of 'School Praise,' prior to the Synod of 1884.

2. All charges incurred after the date at which the Public Praise
 Committee were agreed that the book was in harmony with 'Church
 Praise.'

School
Praise.

3. All expenses of printing and publishing, including 5 per cent. to Messrs. James Nisbet & Co., as trade terms.

III. That, as in the case of 'Church Praise,' the agreement may be re-adjusted or terminated by either party at the same date at which this right comes into operation in the case of 'Church Praise.'

The Committee also considered from a business point of view the arrangement by which the cover and title-page show that the book has been prepared by a Minister and Committee of this Church, and are of opinion that this circumstance would unquestionably affect the sale of the book outside the Church. For this reason they think that it would be better that all reference to the editorship of the work were dropped from the book. It will be for the Synod to determine whether or not the previous decision on this matter shall be re-considered.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report; and further give authority for the name and address of the Publications Committee to be inserted underneath the name of the Publishers on the title-page; and for the statement to be inserted on the back of the title-page: 'Authorised for use in the Sabbath Schools of the Presbyterian Church of England, by the Synod of 1885.'

Soldiers and
Sailors.

The Report of the Committee on the Religious Instruction of Soldiers and Sailors was submitted by the Rev. James Christie, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report: re-appoint the Committee, and instruct them to continue their labours for the moral and spiritual well-being of Presbyterian Soldiers and Sailors.

Selection
Committee.

The Synod gave permission to the Selection Committee to meet for special business while the House is sitting.

Law and
Historical.

The Report of the Committee on Law and Historical Documents was submitted by Dr. Leone Levi, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report: renew the grant of £25 for the Historical Essay, and commend the object to the sympathy and co-operation of the members of the Church:

Petition in favour of the Bill for the conversion of leasehold property into fee simple:

Remit to the Committee to consider the expediency of facilitating, in some way, reference to a legal adviser:

And, direct Presbyteries to take order that a return be made to the Committee for presentation to Synod of all the trust deeds of Churches

within their respective bounds, containing, as far as possible, the same details as have been given from the Presbytery of Carlisle.

The Synod further instruct the Law and Historical Documents Committee to give consideration to Chap. I., Section 3, Clause 7 of Book of Order, and report to the Synod :

Still further, remit to the Law and Historical Documents Committee to consider the precise extent to which the Congregations and Courts of the Church are, or ought to be, bound by the Regulations contained in the Book of Order ; and instruct that the book be not reprinted till the Committee's Reports on these questions shall have been received.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics, Statistics. which was given in by Dr. Leone Levi, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, with special thanks to the Convener, who has given such an amount of time and labour to the subject of the Church's statistics.

The Report of the Delegates from this Synod to the General Council of the Presbyterian Alliance was given in by the Rev. R. H. Lundie. Presbyterian Alliance.

The Synod receive the Report, and welcome the tidings that the next meeting of the General Council is to be held in London in the year 1888.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Overture from the London Presbytery on Relations with the Congregational Union, which was given in by Mr. Robert Amos, Convener, in the following terms:—Receive the Overture, and refer it to a Committee of Synod for further consideration, and authorise the Committee to enter into communication with the Committee of the Congregational Union, with the view of arriving at a satisfactory settlement of the question raised, and report to next Synod. Congregational Union.

It was moved and seconded : That this Report be received and adopted.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment : That the Report of the Committee be not approved, and that the Synod decline to adopt the Overture.

The Synod proceeded to the vote, the state thereof being Motion or Amendment, when on a reckoning of votes it was found that the motion was carried by a large majority ; wherefore the Synod resolved in terms of the said motion,

Mr. J. G.
Weir.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Appeal of Mr. James G. Weir, which was given in by the Rev. W. Hutton, Convener, to the effect that after careful consideration the Committee came unanimously to the following decision: Recommend that the deliverance of the Synod be as follows: That, while fully acknowledging the rights of members to approach the Courts of the Church, and while sympathising with all legitimate endeavours of members to promote the prosperity of Congregations, yet, in view of all the circumstances of the case, dismiss the Appeal, and sustain the judgment of the Presbytery of London.

Parties having been called, this decision was announced to them. Dr. Fraser, on the part of the Presbytery, intimated his acquiescence; Mr. Weir declined to do so.

The Synod receive the Committee's Report; and inasmuch as the Appellant refuses to acquiesce in the finding of the Committee, the Synod proceed to take up the Appeal in Court.

The papers in the case were read.

Parties were called; and there appeared Mr. James G. Weir, for himself; and the Rev. Dr. Fraser and the Rev. Dr. Edmond for the Presbytery of London.

Parties were placed at the Bar: and as the Moderator is a member of the London Presbytery, he vacated the chair, which was taken for the time by the Ex-Moderator.

The Appellant was heard.

The Respondents were heard.

The Appellant replied.

Parties were removed.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously resolved: That, while fully acknowledging the rights of members to approach the Courts of the Church, and while sympathising with all legitimate endeavours of members to promote the prosperity of Congregations, yet, in view of all the circumstances of the case, the Synod dismiss the Appeal, and sustain the judgment of the Presbytery,

Parties were re-called; and the deliverance of the Synod was intimated to them.

Records.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Records, which was given in by the Rev. J. T. McGaw, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and instruct the Clerk of Synod to

attest the Records of Synod, of Presbyteries, and of Synodical Committees, in terms thereof.

The Report of the Committee on the Appeal in the Brockley Case ^{Brockley Appeal.} against a judgment of the London Presbytery was submitted by the Rev. J. T. McGaw, Convener; the purport thereof being:—That the Committee recommend the Synod to dismiss the Appeal, and confirm the judgment of the Presbytery of London.

The Committee intimated that both parties in the Case acquiesced in the finding.

The Synod received and adopted the Report.

Parties were called, and the judgment of the Synod was intimated to them.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee in the case of a ^{Brockley Petition.} Petition from certain parts at Brockley to the Synod, praying for an inquiry into the financial affairs of the Church there.

The Report was given in by the Rev. J. T. McGaw, Convener, who intimated in connection therewith that the Petitioners do not acquiesce in the Committee's finding.

The Synod receive the Report. But inasmuch as this*entails the necessity of the case being taken up by the Synod, and inasmuch as the time at the Synod's disposal is now far advanced, and a large number of the members have left, the Synod resolve that the case of this Petition be remitted to a special Commission, with Synodical powers finally to issue the case; and that the constitution of this Commission be referred to the Selection Committee with instructions to report at the evening Sederunt.

There were laid on the table and read drafts of Petitions to the ^{Petitions to Parliament.} House of Lords and the House of Commons in favour of the Closing of Public Houses in England during the whole of the Sabbath.

The drafts were approved of, and ordered to be extended, subscribed by the Moderator and Clerk in name of the Synod, and presented to the Houses of Parliament, that to the Lords through Lord Aberdare, and that to the Commons through Mr. James C. Stevenson, M.P. for South Shields, and member of this House.

There were read also drafts of Petitions to the two Houses of Parliament in favour of the giving to Ratepayers the right of control in the issue of Licences in their several districts.

The Synod approved of the drafts; ordered them to be duly ex-

tended, and presented to the Houses respectively, that to the Lords through Lord Aberdare, and that to the Commons through Mr. Samuel Smith, M.P. for Liverpool, and member of this House.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Five o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

Friday,
May 1st.

*At London, and within Regent Square
Church, on Friday, the 1st day of
May, 1885, at five o'clock, p.m.*

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Oxford and
Cambridge.

The Synod took up certain proposals from the Presbytery of London concerning Trust Deeds for Oxford and Cambridge.

These, having been read, were supported by the Rev. Charles Moinet.

On his motion the Synod adopt the proposals of the Presbytery of London in regard to the Title Deeds to be used in the cases of Oxford and Cambridge:

Agree to appoint a Standing Committee of fifteen members, and remit the nomination of the same to the Selection Committee:

The Synod express the hope that members of the Presbyterian Churches in Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, in view of the important influence Presbyterian services in Oxford and Cambridge will necessarily exert upon the large numbers of undergraduates from these countries, will show their interest in this work by cordially co-operating with the Presbytery of London in its efforts to collect the money necessary for the erection of churches in Oxford and Cambridge.

Solemnisation
of Marriage.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Rev. J. B. Meharry, through the Presbytery of Newcastle, on the Solemnisation of Marriage by other than ordained Ministers of the Gospel.

The Overture, having been read, was supported by the Rev. Mr. Meharry.

After lengthened consideration, the Overture was withdrawn.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of London on ^{Papers in} the printing and circulation of papers in cases prior to the hearing ^{Cases.} thereof.

The Overture having been read, the Rev. Dr. Fraser was heard in its support.

It was moved and seconded : That the Synod adopt the Overture, and ^{Motion.} enact in terms thereof.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment : The Synod, while ^{Amendment.} expressing concurrence in the views contained in the Overture, do not judge it expedient to legislate on the subject, and therefore decline to accept the Overture.

The Synod proceeded to the vote, the state thereof being ^{Motion or Finding.} Amendment. Votes being reckoned, the Motion was carried by a large majority ; wherefore the Synod resolve in terms of the said Motion.

As a supplement to the Synod's deliverance on the Report of the In- ^{Day Schools.} struction of Youth Committee, the Synod authorise the Committee to make small grants to the Managers of Synodical Day Schools, on such conditions as may stimulate local effort, towards the purchase of certain somewhat expensive articles of school furniture, such as large maps, object pictures, and the like, essential to the proper equipment of the Schools.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Applications ^{Applications} from Persons, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, in the ^{from Persons.} absence of the Rev. J. M. McKerrow, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof authorise the Presbytery of London to admit the Rev. Peter Carmichael, M.A., B.D., to the ministry of this Church ; the Presbytery of Newcastle to admit the Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A., on condition of his attending two years at the College. The Synod decline the application of the Rev. George Mole, and continue his name on Roll B ; grant the application of Mr. Thomas Boyd, M.A., Student of Divinity, and admit him to the Exit Examination at the close of the next College Session ; and grant the Office-bearers of Kentish Town Church authority to enlarge the powers of the Trustees, so as to enable them to extinguish an existing mortgage, and effect a mortgage with the Henderson Trust Fund.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Applications ^{Applications} from Places, which was given in by Rev. Dr. MacEwan, Convener. ^{from Places.}

Millfield. The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof authorise the Presbytery of Newcastle to raise the preaching station at Millfield, Sunderland, into a Stated Charge, so soon as they deem it expedient to do so.

In regard to the Reference from the Home Mission Committee in the case of Risley, the Synod resolve as follows :

Risley. Looking to the history of the Church at Risley since 1662, when it was formed, and to the importance of still maintaining it as a regular charge to meet the spiritual wants of the district, and to retain the benefit of certain Trusts in aid of the stipend of a Minister settled there, the Synod, while strongly convinced of the desirableness of upholding the usual minimum stipend throughout the whole Church, resolve to deal with this as an exceptional case, to sanction the settlement of a Minister at Risley at a stipend of 100*l.*, and to authorise a grant of 40*l.* a year to be made from the Fund of the Home Mission Board of the North-Western and Midland District.

Rev. J. A. Huie. On application from the Presbytery of Northumberland, the Synod cordially agree to continue the name of the Rev. James A. Huie on the Roll of Presbytery and Synod as that of a Minister *Emeritus*.

Messenger. The Report of the Committee on the circulation of the *Messenger* was submitted by Mr. George B. Bruce, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof resolve : That the question of the falling off in the circulation of the *Messenger* be referred to the Publications Committee, with the view of taking steps to increase the interest of that publication :

And further instruct the Committee to consider in what manner a better use may be made of the Press for the dissemination of the intelligence and principles of this and other Presbyterian Churches.

The Synod, for the above purpose, add the following members to the Committee :—Revs. the Moderator, W. S. Swanson, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Dykes, *Ministers* ; Messrs. H. M. Matheson, G. B. Bruce, Wm. Brander, James Goodman, William Stewart, Wm. Melles, *Elders* ; Mr. G. B. Bruce, Convener.

Wark. The Report of the Committee on the Reference from the Presbytery of Newcastle in regard to the Congregation at Wark, in its relation to its Minister in his continued infirm condition, was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Gibson, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof the Synod resolve as follows :

Finding that the state of Mr. Landreth's health, as certified by high medical authority, is such that there is no prospect for an indefinite time of his being able to resume his duties, the Synod feel constrained, on account of the peculiarity of the circumstances, especially in view of the fact that Mr. Landreth is mentally incapacitated from taking any step in the case himself, to instruct the Presbytery, while reserving to Mr. Landreth the status of Minister *Emeritus*, to declare the Congregation vacant, and take the usual steps to fill the vacancy; further, instruct the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund to grant Mr. Landreth as liberal an allowance as the state of the Fund will admit for a year, and empower them to continue him as a participant only on presentation of the required medical certificate and Presbyterian attestation; finally, in taking this course the Synod express their deep sympathy both with their afflicted brother, and with the Congregation of Wark, which has passed through so many trials.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare Memorial Minutes with reference to Mr. Robert Barbour and Mr. Alexander Gillespie, which was submitted by Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, approve the drafts submitted, and instruct that they be entered in the Synod's Records, and that copies thereof be transmitted to the families of Mr. Barbour and Mr. Gillespie respectively.

The Minutes are as follow :—

In the removal by death of Mr. Robert Barbour, a venerable Elder of this Church, at the advanced age of 88 years, this Church has lost one of her staunchest friends and most munificent benefactors; and it is fitting that the Synod should put on record its sense of the great services he was enabled to render for a long series of years to the Church of his warm affections.

Having settled in Manchester as early as 1815, besides taking an active interest in providing for the education of the people, he was foremost in the movement which led to the revival of the Presbyterian Church in England, and sat as an Elder in the first Synod of that Church in the year 1836. Mr. Barbour threw himself with remarkable zeal and devotedness into the work of the Church, was the first Treasurer of its Home Mission, which had so much to do with the reorganisation of the Church after the Scottish Disruption, and he supplemented the funds of

his Committee by the most untiring liberality, showing the warmest practical sympathy with the weaker Congregations and their Ministers, and laying the whole Church under a debt of gratitude which it was impossible to repay.

Mr. Barbour also took a deep interest in the establishment of the College, was a large contributor to its funds, and soon after the Union provided a handsome endowment for the Barbour Chair. He has besides made a bequest of £5,000 to the College, and of a like amount to the Church Building Fund.

A man of simple faith, of life-long integrity, and of large-hearted liberality, he has left behind him a bright example to the Church and to the community which his life adorned.

Wise in counsel, and singularly practical and energetic in all his work, he has bequeathed as a noble heritage the memory of those high qualities which are so becoming for Office-bearers of the Church. He believed in her Scriptural polity and in her remarkable adaptation to meet the spiritual wants of our great population.

The Synod express sympathy with Mrs. Barbour, and with his son and daughter in the loss which they have sustained.

Mr. A.
Gillespie.

The Synod have heard with deep regret that another venerable father, whose term of service in the Church ran parallel with that of Mr. Barbour, has likewise been removed during the past year from the communion of the Church below. Mr. Alexander Gillespie had been a member of the Presbyterian Communion in London for seventy years, and for fifty-seven of these years he held an official position, first as Deacon, then as Elder, in the Congregation now known as Regent Square. During the whole of that period he sustained the cause of this Church in England with staunch and ardent loyalty. In its most feeble state he never despaired of its progress, and he rejoiced greatly at the degree of prosperity which he lived to see it attain. To that prosperity he largely contributed. By sagacious counsel, and by unfailing liberality, he was ever ready to promote the interests of the Church, because he was convinced that by so doing he was advancing the Gospel of his Lord and Saviour; for he was a man of sober but devout faith, eminently 'a good man and full of the Holy Ghost.' His name is perpetuated amongst us by the scholarship which he founded in connection with the College; but his generosity and his interests were not confined to that institution. In all that concerned the building up of the Presbyterian

cause in this land, he bore a conspicuous share. Amongst other offices held by him was that of the first Treasurership of the Synod Fund before the Union.

The Synod cannot but feel that the example of such brethren departed is a precious heritage of this Church to treasure, as well as a summons to those who have succeeded to their responsibility to be no less faithful and devoted to her welfare. They humbly acknowledge the grace of the Church's Head in raising up such men for His service, and pray that it may please Him to continue them in unbroken succession.

The Report of the Selection Committee was submitted by the Rev. Synodical Committees. James Muir, Clerk.

The Report is received by the House, and the Synodical Committees for the ensuing year are appointed as follow (see Appendix).

It was intimated that the Rev. W. Rigby Murray has tendered his Rev. W. R. Murray. resignation of the Convenership of the Public Praise Committee.

In accepting this resignation the Synod place on record their sense of the devotedness of Mr. Murray to the work of this Committee, and tender their cordial thanks to him for all the time, talent, and successful labour he has given to the advancement of the cause of Public Praise.

The Synod recorded their thanks to the Ministers and other Office- Thanks. bearers of Regent Square Church, for the use of their Church and other premises; to the Arrangements Committee in London, for the excellent arrangements they have made for the convenience and comfort of the Synod; and to the numerous families in and around London for the hospitality they have extended to Members of Synod during the sittings thereof.

The Minutes of this day's proceedings were read and sustained. Minutes sustained. Close.

The Synod having now, in the good providence of God, brought its business to a close, was suitably addressed by the Moderator, who declared the Synod closed, and indicted the next Synod to be held, as already determined, within Regent Square Church, London, on the last Monday of April, 1886, at Six o'clock p.m.

The Synod was closed with praise and prayer.

Signed in the name and by the authority of the Synod, by

ROBERT TAYLOR, *Moderator.*

WILLIAM McCRAW, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

A.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

NOTE A.—By appointment of Synod the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, together with the General Secretary, are members (*ex-officio*) of all the Standing Committees, except the Treasurership.

NOTE B.—Of the first Eleven Standing Committees (except Home Mission) one-third retire annually. The first of the three Divisions into which each Committee is arranged contains the names of those now nominated by the Selection Committee: the last Division the names of those who retire next year.

1.—MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. James Muir	Mr. G. B. Bruce	Rev. Dr. MacEwan	Mr. A. P. Watt
Charles Moinet	G. Duncan	R. M. Thornton	Alister G. Fraser
	Thomas Bell		
	Robert Wales	Rev. J. T. McGaw	Mr. W. D. Anderson
		Prof. Elmslie	R. T. Turnbull
Rev. Dr. Fraser	Mr. Samuel Stitt	Duncan Macrae	W. Melles

With Presbytery Representatives.

JOINT-CONVENERS: Revs. Dr. Fraser and Dr. MacEwan.

2.—HOME MISSION.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Fraser	Mr. G. B. Bruce	Rev. John Bogue	Mr. William Sutton
James Muir	Samuel Stitt		
J. S. Rae	Robert Amos	Rev. Prof. Elmslie	Mr. R. T. Turnbull
		John Sclater	Thomas Holder
Rev. Dr. Monro Gibson	Mr. George Duncan	W. A. Walton	Geo. Bell, junr.
R. H. Lundie	J. A. Beith		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. George B. Bruce.

The above Committee arranged into District Boards as follows:—

(1.) LONDON AND SOUTH.

Rev. Dr. Fraser	Mr. G. B. Bruce	Rev. Prof. Elmslie	Mr. R. T. Turnbull
Dr. Monro Gibson	George Duncan		

With Six Presbytery Representatives, and not fewer than 12 Associates.

(2.) LIVERPOOL AND MIDLAND.

Rev. R. H. Lundie	Mr. Samuel Stitt	Rev. John Sclater	Mr. Thomas Holder
James Muir	J. A. Beith		

With Six Presbytery Representatives, and not fewer than 12 Associates.

(3.) NEWCASTLE AND NORTH EASTERN.

Rev. J. S. Rae	Mr. Robert Amos	Rev. W. A. Walton	Mr. George Bell, junr.
John Bogue	William Sutton		

With Six Presbytery Representatives, and not fewer than 12 Associates.

The Convener to have power to summon the District Boards in the first instance.

3.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. W. Dale	Mr. George Duncan	Rev. H. C. Wilson	Mr. Thos. Boyd
John Matheson	J. Alexander, Jr.	John Selater	J. R. Robertson
James Durran	R. T. Turnbull	R. M. Thornton	John A. Beith
A. C. Alexander	W. H. Waite		
	A. B. Inglis	Rev. W. Ballantyne	Mr. H. M. Matheson
	Major-Gen. Anderson	Dr. Rentoul	John Bell
		Henry Miller	D. Matheson, sen.
Rev. Dr. Gibson	Mr. Thos. Matheson	John Mauchlen	J. E. Mathieson
Duncan Macrae	J. Lamont	Z. B. Woffendale	Thos. Holder

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. H. M. Matheson.

SECRETARY: Mr. John Bell.

4.—JEWISH MISSION.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Prof. Graham	Mr. B. H. Webb		Rev. Dr. Wright
M. Davison	Mr. John Duncan		T. W. Brown
G. Wilson, Stratford			Mr. W. Melles
J. H. Thomson			
Rev. Dr. Edmond	Mr. John Bell	Rev. the Moderator	Rev. W. Wingate
	Rev. Dr. Craig	Dr. Saphir	Mr. J. Muir Leitch
		D. Alexander	J. G. Smieton

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Edmond.

5.—INTERCOURSE WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. J. W. Rodger	Mr. D. Matheson	Rev. the Moderator	Rev. Dr. Craig
Prof. Elmslie	W. A. Boulnois		Sir G. B. Pechell, Bart.
Charles Moinet	Samuel Stitt		Mr. J. R. Macdonald
			James Robertson
Rev. T. J. Meyer	Mr. J. A. Swanston		H. M. Paul
Dr. Murphy	Rev. T. W. Brown		
R. H. Lundie	Mr. W. Melles		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. R. H. Lundie.

6.—COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Hamilton	Mr. John Johnstone	Rev. Jas. Christie	Mr. Robert Amos
Dr. Morison	James Hardie		
Dr. Murphy	W. P. Sinclair	Rev. W. Martin	Mr. J. Muir Leitch
		D. Matheson	H. M. Matheson
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. J. G. Smieton	A. Jeffrey	Robert Morton
H. C. Wilson	R. Barclay		

With Professors, Presbytery Representatives, and Members of Board of Examination. (See College Report.)

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

7.—INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. W. Dale	Mr. John G. Smieton	Rev. W. H. Jellie	Mr. Francis Johnston
D. Sillars	Robert Stark		
G. Wilson	W. Farquharson	Rev. Dr. Kennedy	Mr. Robert Whyte
(Canonbury)		Moore	James Robb
		H. C. Wilson	Rev. Thos. White
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. W. Carruthers		Mr. J. Alex. Watson
S. R. Macphail	Thos. Hepburn		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

8.—TEMPERANCE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. James Towers	Mr. J. R. McDonald	Rev. Dr. Murphy	Major-Gen. Anderson
J. W. Rodger	W. H. Waite		
Z. B. Woffendale	Robert Wales	Rev. W. J. B. Roome	Mr. Thomas Matheson
		W. Armstrong	Robert Stark.
Rev. D. Matheson	Mr. James Robertson	Dr. Baggrie	
Dr. Morison	Joseph Clarke	J. H. Boyd	

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. Robert Wales.

9.—LAW AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. W. Dale	Mr. Gainsford Bruce	Rev. Dr. Raitt	Dr. Kennedy Moore
Dr. Edmond	Rev. John Kelly	A. H. Drysdale	Mr. James Robertson
	Mr. Eccles Russell		
	James Goodman	Rev. Dr. Grosart	Dr. Leone Levi
		W. Ballantyne	Mr. C. E. Lewis, M.P.
Rev. John Reid	Mr. T. W. Thacker	J. T. McGaw	John Bell

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Dr. Levi.

10.—PUBLICATIONS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. John Kelly	Mr. H. Robson		Mr. John Hume
Henry Miller	Alex. Durward		Rev. Dr. Wright
J. R. Howatt	Joseph Clarke		
		Rev. Dr. Grosart	Mr. W. Carruthers
Rev. Dr. Gibson	Mr. W. Garden	J. T. McGaw	T. W. Thacker
	W. G. C. Shields	Dr. Baggrie	John Lamont

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Dr. Gibson.

11.—PUBLIC PRAISE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. J. W. Rodger	Mr. Alex. Guthrie	Rev. Dr. Murphy	
D. Matheson	W. Farquharson	W. T. Johnston	
J. R. Howatt	F. G. Edwards		
		Rev. W. R. Murray	Mr. A. Croil Falconer
Rev. George Johnstone	Mr. J. N. Boyd	J. Mauchlen	R. Wales
W. A. Walton	James Robb	Dr. J. T. Davidson	J. R. Macdonald

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Murphy.

12.—GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Officials of the Standing Committees, together with Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. George Duncan.

13.—BOARD OF NOMINATION TO MODERATORSHIP.

The Moderators of the Synod who have passed the Chair, together with the Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: The Moderator.

14.—DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Professor Gibb
James Muir
James Christie

MINISTERS.

Rev. Dr. Morison
G. Elder

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. James Muir.

15.—OVERSIGHT OF SOLDIERS.

MINISTERS.

Rev. James Christie
Dr. Fraser
A. C. Alexander
J. Cunningham

ELDERS.

Major-General Anderson
Colonel Anderson (Plymouth)
Sir G. Pechell
Mr. J. A. Swanston
W. G. Creighton

With Chaplains as Corresponding Members.

CONVENER: Rev. J. Christie.

16.—STATISTICS.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Dr. MacEwan
William Ballantyne

ELDERS.

Dr. Leone Levi
Mr. Robert Wales
R. A. MacLean

CONVENER: Dr. Levi.

17.—TREASURERSHIP.

Mr. George Duncan
John Bell
R. T. Turnbull
John Johnstone
W. L. Watson
D. Matheson

Mr. R. Niven
W. D. Anderson
Robert Wales
Jasper Young
Alister G. Fraser
J. Alexander, Jun.

CONVENER: Mr. George Duncan.

18.—JUDICIAL.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Principal Chalmers
Dr. Dykes
Dr. Edmond
Dr. McCaw

ELDERS.

Mr. Gainsford Bruce
Dr. Leone Levi
Mr. Chas. E. Lewis, M.P.
Samuel Stitt

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. McCaw.

B.—SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1.—THE CHURCH'S RELATION TO THE CONFESSION.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	MINISTERS.		ELDERS.
Rev. the Moderator			Rev. Dr. McCaw		Mr. Jno. A. Beith
Dr. Edmond		Mr. S. Smith, M.P.	J. Sclater		Robert Amos
Fraser		Geo. Duncan	A. H. Drysdale		Robert Hedley
Dykes		Robt. Whyte	John Thompson		W. Carruthers
McEwan		Dr. Leone Levi	John B. Meharry		W. S. Wilkinson
Principal Chalmers		Mr. Robt. Wales	W. A. Walton		R. Barclay
W. Dale		Gainsford Bruce	W. Limont		
Dr. H. S. Paterson		Samuel Stitt	Dr. Mackay		
G. Johnstone		T. Bell (Liverpool)	J. Howie Boyd		
R. H. Lundie		Francis Johnstone	A. N. Mackray		
Dr. Symington		Thos. Hepburn	Dr. Simpson		
Macleod		Wm. Sutton	Robt. Cowan		
Graham		Thos. Hall	J. T. McGaw		

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

2.—DEPUTIES TO THE IRISH CHURCH.

The Moderator, and Dr. Wright.

3.—DEPUTIES TO CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN ENGLAND.

MINISTER.	ELDER.
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. J. C. Stevenson, M.P.

4.—DEPUTIES TO WELSH PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

MINISTERS.	ELDER.
Rev. R. H. Lundie	Mr. Samuel Stitt
W. Harcus	

5.—CORRESPONDING MEMBERS TO THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. R. Taylor, Moderator	Mr. G. B. Bruce
W. S. Swanson	Thomas Young
James Towers	Samuel Stitt
J. Brown (St. Helen's)	Robert Amos
John Sclater	Dr. MacLagan
W. Addison	Dove (Carlisle)

CONVENER: Rev. the Moderator.

6.—COMMISSION ON BROCKLEY CASE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. R. H. Lundie	Mr. R. Amos	Rev. W. Hutton	Mr. Walter Graham
J. T. McGaw	Thomas P. Dods	Dr. McCaw	W. S. Wilkinson
J. Bogue	W. Sutton	J. Bodel	Thos. Matheson
Jas. Mackenzie	Thomas Hall	James Muir	W. P. Sinclair

CONVENER: Rev. R. H. Lundie.

The Commission to meet on the 15th June, 1885, at 6 o'clock p.m., at the College.

7.—COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

MINISTERS.
 Rev. Dr. Fraser
 Dr. Dykes
 Dr. Edmond
 Dr. McCaw
 James Muir

ELDERS.
 Mr. G. B. Bruce
 H. M. Matheson
 Samuel Stitt
 Robert Amos
 J. C. Stevenson, M.P.

CONVENER: Dr. Fraser.

8.—COMMITTEE ON PROPOSAL REGARDING DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
The Moderator	Mr. R. T. Turnbull
Rev. Dr. McEwen	Robert Wales
A. L. Henderson	Robert Whyte
H. C. Wilson	J. A. Beith
Principal Chalmers	Geo. Bell, Junr.
Rev. Jas. McKenzie	W. Carruthers
Dr. Edmond	Robert Amos

MINISTERS.	ELDER.
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. W. S. Wilkinson
Dr. Fraser	
John Matheson	
J. T. McGaw	
Dr. McLeod	
J. W. Rodger	

CONVENER: The Moderator.

9.—VISITORS TO COLLEGE.

MINISTERS.
 Rev. Dr. Fraser
 MacLeod

ELDERS.
 Mr. J. C. Stevenson, M.P.
 Samuel Smith, M.P.
 John A. Beith

In the event of any of these failing, Mr. W. Carruthers is appointed to act.

10.—BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR SYNOD, 1886.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. John Bogue	Mr. G. B. Bruce
James McKenzie	H. M. Matheson
R. H. Lundie	George Duncan
W. Hutton	Robert Wales
J. M. McKerrow	S. Stitt

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. J. T. McGaw	Mr. W. P. Sinclair
Dr. Dykes	R. T. Turnbull
McEwan	Alex. Guthrie
J. Reid, Sen.	J. A. Beith

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Fraser.

With 22 Presbytery Representatives, and with the General Secretary, and the Clerk of Synod.

11.—OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE COMMITTEE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. J. Muir Leitch
Grosart	G. B. Bruce
MacLeod	Thomas Bell
Morrison	Samuel Stitt

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. J. T. McGaw	Mr. J. A. Beith
W. A. Walton	James Goodman
Prof. Elmslie	
Dr. Murphy	

CONVENER: Rev. Charles Moinet.

12.—ACTING CHAPLAINS TO PRESBYTERIAN TROOPS.

Alderney	Rev. Robert S. Coffey.
Bradford	William Fraser, M.A.
Brighton	James Christie, B.A.
Carlisle	
Chatham	J. Mitchell, B.D.
Chester	H. C. Wilson, M.A.
Eastbourne	R. Balmorie.
Gravesend	H. Millican.
Guernsey	Alexander Jeffrey.
Ipswich	W. M. Nicolson, M.A.,
Jersey	D.Sc.
Liverpool	H. T. Howat, D.D.

Norwich	Rev. W. A. McAllan.
Plymouth	Joseph Wood.
Preston	S. MacNaughton, M.A.
Reading	
Sheffield	
Shrewsbury	J. Nisbet Wallace.
Stafford District	S. D. Scammell.
Sunderland	Jas. S. Rae.
Totton	John Johnstone.
Warrington	J. Warnock, M.A., B.D.
Woolwich	William Raitt, Ph.D.
York	W. J. Linn.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. That for the convenience of Sessions the Clerk shall, at least one month before the meeting of Synod, issue to each Session a copy of the form of Commission, and of the Certificate appointed to be used for certifying Elders.

2. That all Commissions transmitted to the Clerk of Synod shall be revised by him, in so far as regards the regularity of said Commissions in point of form, and that he shall report to the Committee appointed by the Synod for revising Commissions only such as are defective or irregular.

3. That all Overtures, Returns to Overtures from Inferior Courts, and all papers transmitted by the Inferior Courts shall be in the form of Certified Extracts from the Minutes of said Courts, and that all such, as well as Elders' Commissions, shall be in the hands of the Clerk of Synod ten days at least before the meeting of Synod.

4. That papers in cases from Inferior Courts, whether forming part of the Record or produced in evidence before said Courts, shall, in each case, before they are given in, be duly dated, numbered, and initialled by the Clerk of the Court from which they come, and be accompanied by petition for transmission to the Committee on Bills by the parties sending them in.

5. That the Synod at its first Sederunt shall appoint two Committees—one to be called the Committee on Commissions and Records, and the other the Selection Committee. That the former shall consist of forty members, all chosen by the Synod; and it shall be charged with the revision of such Elders' Commissions as the Clerk may report to be defective or irregular, and of the Records of the Synod, the Presbyteries, and the Standing Committees. That the latter shall consist of the Conveners of existing standing Committees, along with a member selected by each Presbytery—his name to be forwarded to the Clerk ten days before the meeting of Synod; and that it shall be charged with the nomination of suitable persons to act on the various Committees of the Church.

6. That at a suitable time the Synod shall appoint a Committee on Bills and Business for the following Synod; that it shall be chosen jointly by the Synod and the Presbyteries—each Presbytery being authorised to nominate one member for every fifteen congregations or fraction thereof—the names of the persons so nominated to be in the hands of the Clerk ten days before the meeting of the said following Synod; that it shall be charged with the revision and transmission of all papers to be laid on the table of the Synod, and with the arrangement of the Order of Business; and that it shall meet on the afternoon of the day of the Synod's meeting, so as to be able to report at the first Sederunt.

7. That the Synod shall meet on Monday evening at Six o'clock, and shall be prepared to enter on business not later than Eight o'clock.

8. That the Clerk shall report to the Synod on the Monday evening in regard to Elders' Commissions, so that the Roll may be made up at once, except in the case

of such defective or irregular Commissions as may have been reported to the Committee on Commissions and Records.

9. That the following arrangement shall, as far as practicable, be observed during the sittings of the Synod, namely:—

MONDAY.

1. That the Business Committee shall submit its Report immediately after that on Ministerial Changes, to be followed by—
 - (a) Applications from Persons and Places.
 - (b) Petitions, References, and other Communications *not* cognate to Reports of Synodical Committees.
 - (c) Such other Business as the Business Committee may suggest.

TUESDAY.

1. That the Synod shall first observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper—the service not to extend beyond an hour—and then proceed to business, without adjournment.
2. That immediately after the reception of the Reports of the Committee on defective or irregular Commissions (if any), the Corresponding Members of the United Presbyterian Church be received by an official recognition from the Moderator's Chair, with a brief reply from one of the Corresponding Members; after which the reports of the Business and Selection Committees shall be received.

WEDNESDAY.

1. That the Report of the College Committee shall immediately follow that of the Committee on Ministerial Support, the remainder of the Sederunt being occupied by such other business as may be arranged.
2. That the reception of Deputies from other Churches shall form an order of the day for 7.30 in the evening, the preceding hour and a half being devoted to General Business; that no Deputy be heard who has not been formally commissioned; that the papers of Deputies, having been duly passed through the Business Committee, be simply reported but not read in court; that Deputies from Home Churches be received first, and then those from Colonial and Foreign Churches, the two latter changing places at alternate Synods; that not more than two Deputies be heard from any one Church; that each Foreign Deputy be allowed a quarter of an hour, provided the whole of the Foreign Deputies do not in any case occupy more than one hour in all; and that the Moderator acknowledge the addresses of the Deputies at the close without formal motion.

THURSDAY.

1. That the morning be reserved, as far as possible or necessary, for important questions that may from time to time be brought before the Synod.
2. That Committees to which matters shall have been specially referred submit their Reports, as far as possible, in the evening up till 7.30 [or 8] o'clock, when there shall be an order of the day for the reception of the Report on the Instruction of Youth.

FRIDAY.

That this day shall be devoted to the remanent business of the Synod, and that Members shall be expected to arrange to remain over the day.

10. That, except in the case of the last day's proceedings, the Minutes having been previously printed and placed in the hands of Members, shall be held as read, and be sustained accordingly at the beginning of each day's proceedings, with such corrections as may then be made.

11. That the Reports of the Committees of the Synod shall be printed and circulated along with the Minutes of Synod; and that a copy of the same shall be bound up in volumes and preserved among the Documents of the Synod.

12. That in cases where parties are called to the bar, two speeches only shall be heard from each party, including the reply, to which the appellant or complainant shall be entitled. But if there be more than two parties, there shall be only one speech from each, besides the reply. In case of there being more than one complainant, and it appearing that the complaints are on distinctly separate grounds, each may be considered a separate party.

13. That the following shall be the order in regard to Motions, Votes, and Decisions:—1. Every motion or amendment shall be given in to the Clerk, in writing, as soon as it shall have been read to the House. 2. When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the Synod, it shall not be competent to make any alteration upon it without the permission of the House, except as an amendment thereon, or as an alternative motion, as the case may be, regularly proposed to the Synod. 3. The person who makes the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, in which new matter must not be introduced; thereafter, the debate shall be held definitely closed, and no other person shall be entitled to speak, excepting in regard to the manner of putting the vote. 4. When there are only two motions before the House the question put to the vote shall be—Motion or Amendment, or first or second Motion? When there are more than two Motions a vote is taken successively upon each, and unless it shall appear that one of the Motions has a clear majority of all the votes, that which had the least number shall be dropped, and a fresh vote taken upon those that remain, till only one shall be left, when the remaining Motion shall be finally put to the House as a substantive Motion. The voting shall be either by an open show of hands, or by ballot, or by calling the Roll of the House. In the first case the Moderator or Clerk counts the votes, but if needful, tellers may be appointed to assist him. In the case of ballot, voting papers shall be prepared and supplied to members of the Court; and on their being collected they shall be referred to two or more scrutineers appointed by the Court, who shall ascertain the result and report the same. In the case of calling the Roll, the names of the Members arranged in Presbyteries are called seriatim by the Clerk, and each Member's vote on being tendered is marked by the Clerk. The votes are then summed up, and the result announced by the Moderator.

14. That in bringing up a Report from the Committee, the Convener thereof shall move the reception of the Report, and the adoption of such resolutions as the Report contains, or suggests may be proposed to the House, with such additional resolution or resolutions as may seem necessary or desirable.

15. That any proposal for a pause in the Synod's proceedings, with a view to engage in special Devotional Exercises, shall be made to the Synod only through the Moderator. That all letters addressed to the Moderator for the purpose of being communicated to the House, shall, in the first instance, be laid before the Business Committee, who shall advise the Moderator on the way of disposing of them.

16. That the Records of Synod, Presbyteries, and Standing Committees be called for at the first Morning Sitting, and remitted to the Committee on Records for examination. The Moderator or Clerk shall attest the same in accordance with their report.

17. That no Committee shall continue to sit after the Moderator shall have taken the Chair.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

AND OTHER PAPERS

PRESENTED TO THE

TENTH SYNOD

OF THE

Presbyterian Church of England,

HELD AT

LONDON, APRIL 1885.

*The following are certified as the Reports received by the Synod
of 1885.*

WILLIAM McCRAW, *Synod Clerk.*

MANCHESTER: May 1885.

I.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL CHANGES

FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR, 1884-85.

FOREIGN MISSIONS FIELD.

The Rev. Robert Gordon, M.A., having resigned his position as Nov. 5, 1884.
Missionary, was settled as Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at
Pluscarden.

PRESBYTERY OF BERWICK.

1. The Rev. William Thornbeck was inducted at Tweedmouth. Aug. 28, 1884.
2. Mr. James Mackie was ordained at Belford. Nov. 6, 1884.
3. The Rev. Alexander Murdoch, formerly Minister of Hide Hill and Jan. 15, 1885.
Bankhill Churches, Berwick, died at Dumfries.
4. The Rev. John Smith, M.A., was translated from Wallace Green Feb. 16, 1885.
Church, Berwick.

PRESBYTERY OF BIRMINGHAM.

1. The Rev. Alexander Hardie was translated from Dudley. Dec. 2, 1884.
2. The Rev. John Henshelwood resigned his charge at Worcester. Feb. 3, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF BRISTOL.

1. The Rev. A. F. Forrest was translated from Bristol. Mar. 24, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE.

1. The Rev. John Brown, M.A., was inducted at Silloth. July 10, 1884.
2. Mr. Hugh Rodger was ordained at Workington. Aug. 28, 1884.
3. The Rev. John Tannahill, M.A., died at Penrith. Jan. 23, 1885.
4. The Rev. William T. McClenaghan was translated from Brampton. Feb. 22, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF DARLINGTON.

1. The Rev. James H. Collie, M.A., was translated from York. June 3, 1884.
2. The Rev. W. T. Linn was translated from Whitby. Dec. 2, 1884.
3. The Rev. W. T. Linn was inducted at York. Jan. 6, 1885.
4. The Rev. Andrew Halliday, M.A., was translated from Trinity Mar. 3, 1885.
Church, Middlesbrough.
5. Mr. T. L. Turnbull was ordained at Whitby. April 21, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL.

- June 19, 1884. 1. The Rev. James H. Collie, M.A., was inducted at Peel Road, Liverpool.
- Nov. 29, 1884. 2. The Rev. James Fettes resigned his charge at Douglas, Isle of Man.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

- June 17, 1884. 1. Mr. C. P. Way was ordained as Minister officiating at the Preaching Station at Alderney.
- June 5, 1884. 2. The Rev. Hugh M. Mackenzie was inducted at St. George's, Southwark.
- June 27, 1884. 3. The Rev. Duncan Sillars was inducted at Oxendon.
- July 22, 1884. 4. The Rev. Alexander Smith was translated from Darenth.
- Oct. 23, 1884. 5. The Rev. J. H. Thomson, M.A., B.D., was inducted at Blackheath.
- Dec. 30, 1884. 6. The Rev. Nathaniel A. Ross, M.A., was inducted at Reading.
- Jan. 8, 1885. 7. The Rev. William H. Alexander was inducted at Whitefield, London.
- Jan. 13, 1885. 8. The Rev. Martin Lewis, B.A., resigned his charge at Bournemouth.
- Feb. 10, 1885. 9. The Rev. James Beattie resigned his charge at Streatham, London.
- April 1, 1885. 10. The Rev. Andrew Halliday, M.A., was inducted at Portsmouth.

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

- June 9, 1884. 1. The Rev. Duncan Sillars was translated from Cavendish Road, Leeds.
- July 3, 1884. 2. The Rev. William Tees was inducted at Rochdale.
- Sept. 25, 1884. 3. The Rev. James Brown was inducted at Grosvenor Square, Manchester.
- Dec. 18, 1884. 4. Mr. William E. Crothers was ordained at Cavendish Road, Leeds.
- Mar. 17, 1885. 5. The Rev. James Breakey died at Sheffield.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE.

- July 17, 1884. 1. The Rev. David Merson, M.A., B.D., was inducted at Stamfordham.
- Aug. 28, 1884. 2. The Rev. John Morris, *Emeritus*, died at Sunderland.
- Sept. 2, 1884. 3. The Rev. J. T. Lloyd resigned his charge at Ellison Street, Gateshead.
- Nov. 4, 1884. 4. The Rev. Alexander Ewing was translated from Waterloo Road Church, Blyth.

5. The Rev. J. R. Howat, M.A., B.D., resigned his charge at North Jan. 6, 1885.
Bridge Street, Sunderland.

6. The Rev. W. T. McClenaghan was inducted at Ellison Street, Mar. 24, 1885.
Gateshead.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

1. The Rev. James A. Huie resigned his charge at West Chapel, Oct. 7, 1884.
Wooler.

2. Mr. R. J. Adamson was ordained at Bedlington. April 22, 1885.

TABULATED STATEMENT.

	Ordinatus.	Inductns.	Translatns.	Resignatus.	Deaths.	Totals.
Foreign Missions .....	...	...	...	1	...	1
Presbytery of—						
Berwick	1	1	1	...	1	4
Birmingham .....	...	...	1	1	...	2
Bristol .....	...	...	1	...	...	1
Carlisle	1	1	1	...	1	4
Darlington.....	1	1	3	...	...	5
Liverpool .....	...	1	...	1	...	2
London	1	6	1	2	...	10
Manchester	1	2	1	...	1	5
Newcastle .....	...	2	1	2	1	6
Northumberland	1	...	...	1	...	2
	<hr/> 6	<hr/> 14	<hr/> 10	<hr/> 8	<hr/> 4	<hr/> 42

Submitted to the Synod of 1885 by

WILLIAM McCRAW,

Synod Clerk.

II.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL
SUPPORT,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

I.—SUSTENTATION FUND.

DURING the latter months of 1884 the position of the Fund was such as to give rise to considerable anxiety, the *aid* threatening to fall considerably short of the amount necessary to justify a final dividend at the rate of £200, at which figure the Church has maintained it since 1878. It is all the more matter of thankfulness that it has proved possible to maintain the dividend for the year at the same figure, and even to transfer a balance to the Reserve Fund, in terms of the understanding on which that Fund was created in 1878. This has proved possible in part through the response given in certain quarters to appeals made; in part through exceptional revenue accruing from the Muter Fund; in part from the fact that two congregations which required aid to the amount of £95 (Parkgate in the Presbytery of Liverpool and Willington Quay in the Presbytery of Newcastle) happily became self-sustaining; and in part in consequence of a considerable reduction in the working expenses.

While thankful for what has been thus accomplished for the year that has closed, your Committee feel it necessary to warn the Church that the serious decline in the amount contributed by the stronger Congregations as *aid*, which has now gone on for two years, renders the prospect for the future a somewhat anxious one. In two years the amount thus furnished has sunk from £6,002 12s. 1d. (the amount necessary to make the dividend safe) to £5,586 18s. 8d., making a loss of £415 13s. 5d. Unless the balance can be restored your Committee will be greatly hampered in the future. They do not doubt that the Church is entirely with them in the conviction that a failure to maintain the dividend at £200 would be a very serious misfortune to us in England. The immediate danger is that the fear of imperilling that dividend will hamper the Committee in dealing with fair and reasonable applications. They can confidently appeal to the Church as to whether they have not in the past been most careful in protecting the Fund from excessive and unreasonable demands. But all the more that they have been careful thus to protect the Fund do they urge that they shall not have their hands tied where cases come before them in which they feel that it is the interest and duty of the Church to deal generously. They feel that their hands *will* be so tied unless the Church can revert to something like the standard of 1882, as regards the amount furnished to them as aid.

The diminution in the contributions of the Aid-giving Congregations

is the more regrettable, that the improvement on the other side has been so steady and remarkable. This will appear from the following figures:—

Year.	Aid needed by Congregations.			Supplied as Aid by Congregations.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1878	6,443	7	6	5,097	10	0
1879	6,156	2	4	5,292	11	0
1880	6,018	9	2	5,798	2	11
1881	6,009	13	3	5,635	5	5
1882	5,714	11	3	6,002	12	1
1883	5,683	1	5	5,818	6	5
1884	5,464	6	0	5,586	18	8
Improvement	979	1	6	489	8	8

The details of the £979 1s. 6*d.* of improvement in the Aided Congregations will be found in Appendix D, which will show that two of the Congregations which drew aid from the Fund in 1878 to the amount of £150 19s. 9*d.* are now aided by the Home Mission. The amount of aid which these Congregations draw from that Fund is £100. Allowing for this, the Church Funds are less burdened this day by £879 1s. 6*d.*, which represents, therefore, the net result of careful administration during these seven years. That amount, however, by no means represents the progress made by the Aid-receiving Congregations in the same time; for the aid dispensed in 1884 includes, of course, all the new claims that have been made since 1878. These cover sixteen Congregations, which now require aid to the amount of £656 8s. 4*d.* But of the Congregations on the Fund in 1878 no less than twelve, which in that year received aid to the amount of £425 7s. 2*d.*, are now *self-sustaining or aid-giving*, while fifty which still receive aid need less than they then did by so large an amount as £874 16s. 7*d.* Only twenty-six have required additional aid to the amount of £341 13s. 6*d.* It seems a legitimate inference that this Fund is not merely good as an *ideal* of Ministerial Support, but that it practically works well. There are no doubt a few unsatisfactory cases among our Aided Congregations, as such are not wanting among those which do not ask for aid from the public funds; but the figures just given would be impossible were the Aided Congregations as a whole not doing well, or were the Fund not fairly guarded by the checks provided, as well as by care on the part of the Committee in applying these checks. In such circumstances the Fund has certainly a just claim to be supported in a large and liberal spirit.

Your Committee are the more urgent in this matter that, with every desire on their part to protect the Fund, they are satisfied that the reduction in the Aid given cannot be permanently maintained at the present point. The two Congregations at present on the Home Mission Fund will probably have to return to the Sustentation Fund. Two Congregations received on the Fund during the Synodical year now closing will entail increased demands in 1885. And the pressure of the times is bringing new applications for temporary assistance which the Church should not place it beyond the power of its Committee fairly to consider. But for all this the revenue of 1884 would certainly not suffice.

In view of these circumstances your Committee feel great difficulty in making any suggestion in regard to the reception of additional Congregations as Aid-receiving during the ensuing year. They are aware that some applications will be made with which they think they ought to have power to deal. But they feel also that it would be unsafe to assume additional responsibilities without some good assurance that they will be able to do this without imperilling the present dividend. On the whole they think that they might be authorised again to receive *two* additional Congregations as Aid-receiving, provided they shall see their way clearly to the additional aid needed.

Your Committee would refer the Synod to the Appendices attached to the report for full information on the principal points of interest, connected with the administration of this Fund. One of these (Appendix B) shows the respective positions which different classes of Congregations occupy in relation to the Fund. It will be noticed that the 110 Aid-giving Congregations are of two classes—eighty-two participating in the Fund, while twenty-eight furnish aid without participation. Of the others in full connection with the Fund, thirty-four are barely self-sustaining, while ninety-eight in all are Aid-receiving, against one hundred and three in 1878. Of these ninety-eight, seventy-seven are on the equal dividend platform, while twenty-one receive less than the equal dividend. In regard to these last it may be worth while to offer a word of explanation, in order to meet inquiries which are sometimes made in regard to them.

The clause of the Sustentation Fund Act dealing with Aid-receiving Congregations not on the equal dividend platform requires that special arrangements be made in each case, so that on the Congregation's providing a certain annual amount, their minister shall receive a corresponding amount as stipend, as may be agreed, but with a surplus arrangement, so that he may also receive 'an additional grant of one half more on any increase of their contributions until the amount of the equal dividend is reached.' Under the encouragement afforded by this arrangement not a few Congregations have gradually increased their contributions till they have succeeded in remitting sufficient to enable their Minister to claim full surplus, thus reaching the amount of the equal dividend. The stipends paid to ministers of Congregations receiving less than the equal dividend in 1884 were as follows:—one, £150; fourteen, £155; one, £160; one, £177 10s.; one, £180; one, £185; one, £192 10s.; one, £194.

It may be added that the largest amount given in aid to any one Congregation in 1884 was £90. Few, however, receive aid to so large an amount, and the average over the whole of the Aid-receiving Congregations is only £55.

It will be noticed from the Financial Statement that the Muter Trustees have been able this year to contribute £800 17s. 3d. to the Fund. This includes a sum of £45 9s. 6d. for returned Income Tax, for the last three years; but the revenue from this source for the present year is not likely to exceed £730. The Trustees have failed to find a favourable opportunity of disposing of the London, Chatham, and Dover Ordinary, and Caledonian Deferred Stocks, held by them, but continue to give their careful attention to the matter.

II.--AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Rev. Alexander Murdoch having died during the past year, the number of annuitants has been again reduced to five, with annuities amounting in the aggregate to £180. On the other hand, the Rev. James Fettes having been obliged under medical advice to retire from active service, applies through your Committee to be placed on the Fund. This application your Committee recommend to the favourable consideration of the Synod, with the suggestion that Mr. Fettes receive the maximum annuity of £45, to date from the acceptance of his resignation by the Presbytery of Liverpool. This will increase the total annual amount payable for annuities to £225, against an income from investments of £287 2s. 2*d.* The amount invested is £6,429 4s. 11*d.*

III.—WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The total number of members on the Fund is now 311, against 297 in 1884. Through the death of the Rev. James Breakey, a widow and three orphans are added to the number of annuitants, which is now twenty widows and twenty-nine orphans. The capital is £28,739 12s. 11*d.*, and the annual income from investments £1,153 15s. 6*d.*

The Revs. Dr. MacEwan and William Armstrong, not having joined the Fund in 1878, have requested to be received on suitable terms. Your Committee have agreed, subject to Synodical confirmation, that they be received on the terms allowed in previous cases, viz., the payment of arrears with interest from the date at which they should have joined; and they now crave confirmation of this arrangement.

Your Committee have to report that the total amount received towards the £2,000 of additional capital proposed in 1878 is now £1,761 2s. 9*d.*

They have also to point out to the Synod that, proceeding on the Report of the Actuary, submitted in 1883, on the state of the Fund at the end of 1881, there is reason to apprehend that the capital is not now equal to the existing responsibilities of the Fund if the annuities are to be continued at the present rates. As, however, the time has come round for a fresh investigation of the position of the Fund, the result of which they hope to be able to communicate to next Synod, they do not deem it necessary to suggest any special action meanwhile.

After careful consideration of the remit of last Synod in regard to the relation to this Fund of Ministers received into the Church from denominations not standing in the relation of mutual eligibility, your Committee beg to recommend that Ministers above the age of thirty so received shall be chargeable on their settlement with an amount equal to what they would have paid into the Fund had they been settled at that age, together with interest, payable by double rates till the whole amount shall have been made up.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

DONALD FRASER, }
DAVID MACEWAN, } *Conveners.*

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,'—Sustentation Fund, p. 910; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, p. 912; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, p. 913.]

Appendix A.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.		
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.				
	Berwick Presbytery.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1	Ancroft Moor	117	36	31	10 0 0	70 0 0		
2	Beaumont	318	<i>a</i> ...	...	8 15 1	111 4 11		
3	Belford *	208	<i>p</i> ...	...	52 8 1	116 15 10		
4	Berwick, Bankhill	260	30	12	19 0 0	181 0 0		
5	„ Wallace Green	870	93	11	79 0 0	...		
6	Chatton... ..	264	92	35	19 17 7	140 2 5		
7	Crookham	185	60	32	15 0 0	75 0 0		
8	Etal	208	70	34	19 0 0	101 0 0		
9	Horncliffe	194	40	21	7 18 7	97 1 5		
10	Lowick	188	<i>p</i> ...	...	18 16 4	96 3 8		
11	Norham, North Church	190	160	84	20 3 0	87 17 0		
12	„ South Church	140	<i>a</i> ...	...	10 3 11	94 16 1		
13	Tweedmouth	198	180	91	7 19 9	98 17 5		
		3340	761	31	288 2 4	1269 18 9		
	Birmingham Presbytery.							
14	Birmingham, Broad Street	126	68	55	69 4 0	135 16 0		
15	„ Camphill	152	<i>c</i> ...	...	79 2 6	135 17 6		
16	„ New John Street	83	<i>b</i> 51	61	56 18 9	90 4 6		
17	„ Smethwick	83	22	27	13 0 0	97 0 0		
18	Derby	87	40	46	43 0 0	132 0 0		
19	Dudley	60	20	33	15 8 6	100 1 6		
20	Hanley	133	46	35	48 0 0	102 0 0		
21	Leicester	84	70	83	35 0 0	85 0 0		
22	Nottingham	211	84	40	135 0 0	75 0 0		
23	Shrewsbury	88	41	47	61 7 9	63 12 3		
24	Stafford	125	31	25	23 0 0	157 0 0		
25	Wolverhampton	219	50	23	44 0 0	161 0 0		
26	Worcester	93	30	32	16 11 0	138 13 8		
		1544	553	40	639 12 6	1473 5 5		
	Bristol Presbytery.							
27	Aberdare	57	50	88	34 11 0	90 9 0		
28	Bristol	201	<i>a</i> ...	...	14 2 0	...		
29	Cardiff	266	134	50	110 0 0	140 0 0		
30	Cheltenham	147	57	39	44 18 3	180 1 9		
31	Gloucester	172	200	116	75 19 1	134 0 11		
32	Plymouth	196	26	13	20 0 0	200 0 0		
33	Torquay	138	116	84	237 0 0	23 0 0		
		1177	583	60	536 10 4	767 11 8		

(a) Collections.

(b) Exclusive of Sabbath School, which also contributes.

(p) Box at Church door.

(c) Subscriptions with Few Rents.

STATEMENT, 1884.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.				From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.										
Total Amount.		Rate per Member.																		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.									
80	0	0	0	13	8	14	...	...	155	0	0							
120	0	0	0	7	7	12	...	...	200	0	0							
169	3	11	0	16	3	...	...	...	216	3	2						
200	0	0	0	15	5	...	...	...	200	0	0						
79	0	0	0	6	5	...	200	...	550	0	0									
160	0	0	0	12	1	...	...	...	200	0	0						
90	0	0	0	9	9	12	...	...	155	0	0							
120	0	0	0	11	6	12	...	...	200	0	0							
105	0	0	0	10	10	14	...	...	200	0	0							
115	0	0	0	12	3	...	...	...	189	0	0						
108	0	0	0	11	4	12	...	...	200	0	0							
105	0	0	0	15	0	12	...	...	200	0	0							
106	17	2	0	10	10	...	...	...	168	4	6						
1558	1	1	0	10	6	88	200	1846	1	1	2483	7	8	350	0	0	2833	7	8	
205	0	0	1	13	4	205	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	14	
215	0	0	1	8	3	215	0	0	200	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0	15
147	3	3	1	15	6	147	3	3	200	0	0	200	0	0	16	
110	0	0	1	6	6	110	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	17	
175	0	0	2	0	3	175	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	18	
115	10	0	1	18	6	115	10	0	167	14	4	167	14	4	19	
150	0	0	1	2	7	150	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	20	
120	0	0	1	8	7	120	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	21	
210	0	0	0	19	11	210	0	0	200	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0	22
125	0	0	1	8	5	125	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	23	
180	0	0	1	8	10	180	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	24	
205	0	0	0	18	9	205	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	25
155	4	8	1	13	4	155	4	8	194	0	0	194	0	0	26	
2112	17	11	1	10	4	2112	17	11	2561	14	4	400	0	0	2961	14	4	
125	0	0	2	3	10	125	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	27	
14	2	0	1	1	4	...	200	214	2	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	28
250	0	0	0	18	10	250	0	0	200	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0	29
225	0	0	1	10	7	225	0	0	200	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0	30
210	0	0	1	4	5	210	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	31
220	0	0	1	2	5	220	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	32
260	0	0	1	17	8	260	0	0	200	0	0	250	0	0	450	0	0	33
1304	2	0	1	5	7	...	200	1504	2	0	1400	0	0	1000	0	0	2400	0	0	

* Two congregations now united.

† £150 of this being troop-money, is not furnished by the Congregation.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
	Carlisle Presbytery.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
34	Bewcastle	61	70	115	6 1 9	93 18 3
35	Brampton	67	44	66	14 10 9	95 9 3
36	Carlisle, Fisher Street...	400	<i>a</i> ...	...	56 15 10	199 19 11
37	" Warwick Road	305	<i>d</i> ...	...	...	210 0 0
38	Cleator Moor	87	60	69	28 0 0	137 0 0
39	Haltwhistle	32	18	56	13 18 6	66 1 6
40	Harrington	149	56	38	28 19 6	171 0 6
41	Maryport, Crosby Street	130	90	69	30 16 11	109 3 1
42	" John Street	127	88	69	34 2 10	90 17 2
43	Penrith	89	40	45	70 5 10	85 6 10
44	Silloth	72	<i>d</i> ...	...	32 17 0	11 3 0
45	Whitehaven, High Street	115	<i>b</i> 61	53	31 16 9	88 3 3
46	" Market Place	224	16	7	15 18 0	199 2 0
47	Workington	134	66	49	43 11 3	156 8 9
		1992	609	50	407 14 11	1713 13 6
	Darlington Presbytery.					
48	Bishop Auckland	106	70	66	121 14 10	48 5 2
49	Crook	96	94	98	64 12 6	60 7 6
50	Darlington	214	<i>a</i> ...	...	10 12 2	194 7 10
51	Grimsby	146	74	51	40 3 0	114 17 0
52	Hartlepool	180	48	27	67 16 1	87 3 11
53	Hull, Holderness Road	187	50	27	32 13 5	167 6 7
54	" Prospect Street ...	525	<i>a</i> ...	...	21 7 2	...
55	" Springbank	125	80	64	72 10 0	52 10 0
56	Middlesborough, Newport Road	130	91	70	58 11 0	116 9 0
57	" Trinity	169	70	41	72 13 0	129 17 0
58	Mount Pleasant, Spennymoor...	115	51	44	34 16 4	97 2 10
59	Redcar	87	31	36	30 18 4	144 1 8
60	Stockton, St. Andrew's	237	72	30	125 18 5	84 1 7
61	" St. George's	141	59	42	47 9 3	111 11 7
62	Towlaw... ..	82	73	89	49 0 0	51 0 0
63	West Hartlepool	210	75	36	28 9 10	131 10 2
64	Whitby... ..	103	60	58	28 19 6	96 0 6
		2853	998	47	908 4 10	1686 12 4
	Liverpool Presbytery.					
65	Birkenhead, Claughton ...	342	79	24	233 0 0	198 0 0
66	" Grange Road	453	28	6	74 12 0	...
67	" Hamilton... ..	156	58	37	61 0 0	139 0 6
68	" St. Andrew's	402	100	25	140 0 0	60 0 0
69	" St. Paul's	226	44	19	36 10 0	163 10 0
70	Chester	75	31	41	21 14 0	109 6 0
71	Douglas... ..	151	24	16	23 10 6	176 9 6
72	Egremont	529	40	8	60 0 0	201 10 0
73	Liverpool, Canning Street	510	189	37	292 11 3	...
74	" Derby Road	675	<i>j</i> ...	...	17 17 0	...
	Carried forward	3519	593	...	960 14 9	1047 15 6

(a) Collections.

(b) Exclusive of Sabbath School which also contributes.

(d) Weekly Offering system.

(j) Envelope system.

STATEMENT, 1884—continued.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
100 0 0	1 12 9	12	...	112 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	34
110 0 0	1 12 10	12	...	122 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	35
256 15 9	0 12 10	...	...	256 15 9	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	36
210 0 0	0 13 9	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	30 0 0	230 0 0	37
165 0 0	1 17 11	12	...	177 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	38
80 0 0	2 10 0	14	...	94 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	39
200 0 0	1 6 10	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	12 0 0	212 0 0	40
140 0 0	1 1 6	12	...	152 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	41
125 0 0	0 19 8	12	...	137 0 0	192 10 0	...	192 10 0	42
155 12 8	1 15 0	...	...	155 12 8	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	43
44 0 0	0 12 3	...	...	f44 0 0	f44 0 0	f60 0 0	f104 0 0	44
120 0 0	1 0 10	12	...	132 0 0	173 7 4	...	173 7 4	45
215 0 0	...	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	41 0 0	241 0 0	46
200 0 0	1 9 10	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	9 14 2	209 14 2	47
2121 8 5	1 1 4	86	...	2207 8 5	2519 17 4	242 14 2	2762 11 6	
170 0 0	1 12 1	...	...	170 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	48
125 0 0	1 6 1	12	...	137 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	49
205 0 0	0 19 2	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	50
155 0 0	1 1 3	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	51
155 0 0†	0 17 3	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	52
200 0 0	1 1 5	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	53
21 7 2	0 8 5	...	[200]†	221 7 2	...	...	...	54
125 0 0	1 0 0	*16	...	141 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	55
175 0 0	1 6 11	...	...	175 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	56
202 10 0	1 4 0	...	...	202 10 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	57
131 19 2	1 2 11	14	...	145 19 2	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	58
175 0 0	2 0 3	...	...	175 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	59
210 0 0	0 17 9	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	60
159 0 10	1 2 7	g 40, 19, 2	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	61
100 0 0	1 4 5	12	...	112 0 0	185 0 0	...	185 0 0	62
160 0 0	0 15 3	12	...	172 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	63
125 0 0	1 4 3	12	...	137 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	64
2594 17 2	0 19 7	118, 19, 2	200	2913 16 4	3185 0 0	200 0 0	3385 0 0	
431 0 0	1 5 2	...	...	431 0 0	200 0 0	500 0 0	700 0 0	65
74 12 0	0 12 1	...	200	274 12 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	66
200 0 0	1 5 8	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	5 0 0	205 0 0	67
200 0 0	0 9 11	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	68
200 0 0	0 17 8	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	136 0 0	336 0 0	69
131 0 0	1 14 11	...	...	131 0 0	166 0 0	...	166 0 0	70
200 0 0	1 6 6	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	71
261 10 0	0 9 11	...	...	261 10 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	72
292 11 3	0 11 6	...	...	292 11 3	200 0 0	500 0 0	700 0 0	73
17 17 0	0 6 5	...	200	217 17 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	74
2008 10 3	...	...	400	2408 10 3	1966 0 0	2541 0 0	4507 0 0	

(f) For portion of year. (g) Home Mission Grant. (h) Only inserted for purposes of calculation. No such actual payment in this case. (i) Inclusive of £4 from Hewson Charity. (j) Besides £45, retiring allowance to Senior Minister.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.	
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.			
	LIVERPOOL PRESBYTERY—continued.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Brought forward—	3519	593	...	960 14 9	1047 15 6	
75	Liverpool, Everton Valley ...	603	104	35	45 1 4	200 0 0	
76	" Fairfield ...	315	53	17	148 0 0	152 0 0	
77	" Islington ..	530	64	12	53 14 0	...	
78	" Mount Pleasant ...	347	47	14	75 0 0	...	
79	" Princes Road ...	401	155	39	80 0 0	125 0 0	
80	" Queen's Road ...	311	64	21	43 14 0	166 6 0	
81	" St. George's ...	490	95	19	126 18 6	73 1 6	
82	" St. Peter's ...	376	134	36	75 0 0	125 0 0	
83	" Sefton Park ...	533	138	26	554 2 6	...	
84	" Shaw Street ...	198	81	41	51 0 0	149 0 0	
85	" Trinity ...	187	59	32	159 0 0	70 6 8	
86	" Union ...	586	370	63	131 0 0	69 0 0	
87	" Vauxhall Road ...	98	54	55	44 14 6	75 15 6	
88	Parkgate ...	72	40	56	150 3 0	54 17 0	
89	Ramsey ...	67	17	25	29 17 6	90 2 6	
90	Rock Ferry ...	256	37	14	209 3 11	...	
91	St. Helen's ...	135	78	58	67 2 0	137 18 0	
92	Southport ...	178	114	64	124 2 6	95 17 6	
93	Sutton ...	76	60	79	35 8 7	84 11 5	
94	Waterloo ...	143	25	17	46 0 0	154 0 0	
		9424	2382	27	3209 17 1	2870 11 7	
	London Presbytery.						
95	Aldershot ...	129	d ...	...	139 0 10	10 19 2	
96	Aston Tirrold ...	56	40	71	44 2 0	65 18 0	
97	Bournemouth ...	163	69	42	143 8 0	86 12 0	
98	Brighton, Queen's Road ...	233	100	43	54 0 0	200 7 0	
99	" Trinity ...	120	50	42	180 0 0	40 0 0	
100	Canterbury ...	53	26	49	9 16 6	...	
101	Chatham ...	175	j ...	...	78 17 9	36 2 3	
102	Croydon ...	210	61	29	240 0 0	...	
103	Darenth, Dartford ...	33	k ...	...	...	161 5 0	
104	Eastbourne ...	204	k ...	...	...	205 0 0	
105	Edenbridge ...	42	d ...	...	205 0 0	...	
106	Gravesend ...	100	50	50	53 0 0	147 0 0	
107	Guernsey ...	34	24	71	66 0 0	39 0 0	
108	Holybourne ...	43	12	28	98 6 0	31 14 0	
109	Ipswich ...	164	91	55	67 14 9	132 5 3	
110	Jersey ...	274	161	59	54 5 6	155 14 6	
111	Lewes ...	63	37	59	26 7 11	128 12 1	
112	London, Belgrave ...	274	j ...	...	108 3 0	166 17 0	
113	" Bermondsey ...	91	15	16	20 2 6	129 17 6	
114	" Bow Road ...	71	25	35	22 8 8	137 11 4	
115	" Brockley ...	259	161	62	162 16 2	37 3 10	
116	" Camberwell ...	403	80	20	80 0 0	140 0 0	
117	" Camden Road ...	308	80	26	160 0 0	70 0 0	
118	" Canonbury ...	150	50	33	55 0 0	150 0 0	
119	" Clapham Road ...	1070	450	42	401 15 5	200 0 0	
120	" Clapton ...	134	33	25	54 0 0	151 0 0	
121	" Crouch Hill ...	283	j ...	...	60 0 0	...	
	Carried forward ...	5139	1615	...	2584 5 0	2622 18 11	

(d) Weekly offering system.

(k) No special organisation.

STATEMENT, 1884—continued.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies.)	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
2008 10 3	£ ...	...	£ 400	2408 10 3	1966 0 0	2541 0 0	4507 0 0		
245 1 4	0 8 1	...	...	245 1 4	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0		75
300 0 0	0 19 1	...	...	300 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0		76
53 14 0	0 9 7	...	200	253 14 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0		77
75 0 0	0 15 10	...	200	275 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		78
205 0 0	0 10 3	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		79
210 0 0	0 13 6	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	201 17 6	401 17 6		80
200 0 0	0 8 2	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0		81
200 0 0	0 10 8	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0		82
554 2 6	1 0 9	...	...	554 2 6	200 0 0	700 0 0	900 0 0		83
200 0 0	1 0 2	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0		84
229 6 8	1 4 6	...	...	229 6 8	200 0 0	205 0 0	405 0 0		85
200 0 0	0 6 10	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		86
120 10 0	1 4 7	...	...	120 10 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		87
205 0 0	2 16 11	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		88
120 0 0	1 15 10	...	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		89
209 3 11	0 16 4	...	...	209 3 11	200 0 0	302 0 0	502 0 0		90
205 0 0	1 10 4	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	35 0 0	235 0 0		91
220 0 0	1 4 9	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		92
120 0 0	1 11 7	...	...	120 0 0	150 0 0	...	150 0 0		93
200 0 0	1 8 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		94
6080 8 8	0 14 7	...	800	6880 8 8	5916 0 0	6734 17 6	12650 17 6		
150 0 0	1 3 3	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		95
110 0 0	1 19 3	...	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		96
230 0 0	1 8 3	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		97
254 7 0	1 1 10	...	...	254 7 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0		98
220 0 0	1 16 8	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		99
9 16 6	0 3 8	4190 3 6	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	54 14 1	254 14 1		100
115 0 0	0 13 2	...	...	115 0 0	170 4 2	...	170 4 2		101
240 0 0	1 2 10	...	...	240 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		102
161 5 0	4 17 9	...	...	161 5 0	143 2 3	...	143 2 3		103
205 0 0	1 0 1	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	500 0 0	700 0 0		104
205 0 0	4 17 7	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		105
200 0 0	2 0 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	57 17 9	257 17 9		106
105 0 0	3 1 9	...	...	105 0 0	177 10 0	...	177 10 0		107
130 0 0	3 0 6	...	...	130 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		108
200 0 0	1 5 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0		109
210 0 0	0 15 4	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0		110
155 0 0	2 9 2	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		111
275 0 0	1 0 1	...	...	275 0 0	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0		112
150 0 0	1 13 0	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		113
160 0 0	2 5 1 1/4	40	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		114
200 0 0	0 15 5	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		115
220 0 0	0 10 11	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		116
230 0 0	0 14 11	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0		117
205 0 0	1 7 4	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0		118
601 15 5	0 11 3	...	...	601 15 5	200 0 0	800 0 0	1000 0 0		119
205 0 0	0 14 11	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0		120
60 0 0	0 18 4	...	200	260 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0		121
5207 3 11	...	230 3 6	200	5637 7	53245 16	54662 11	109908 8	3	

(h) Paid by Congregation.

(j) Envelope system.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

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			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	LONDON PRESBYTERY— <i>continued.</i>				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Brought forward—	5139	1615	...	2584 5 0	2622 18 11	
122	London, Ealing... ..	84	25	30	103 0 0	107 0 0	
123	" East India Road	157	55	35	28 4 3	151 15 9	
124	" Forest Hill	218	117	54	246 16 6	...	
125	" Greenwich	248	j ...	...	20 10 11	195 0 0	
126	" Hammersmith	188	48	26	34 7 0	185 13 0	
127	" Hampstead	228	48	21	264 15 9	145 4 3	
128	" Highbury	542	101	19	122 7 3	...	
129	" Islington	530	166	31	150 7 0	164 4 0	
130	" Kensington	201	104	52	240 9 6	...	
131	" Kentish Town	233	57	24	40 0 0	...	
132	" Kingston-on-Thames... ..	106	45	42	43 8 0	156 12 0	
133	" Marylebone	834	133	16	533 4 9	...	
134	" Millwall	117	85	73	19 1 2	90 18 10	
135	" New Barnet	80	k ...	...	...	210 0 0	
136	" Notting Hill	246	130	53	250 0 0	...	
137	" Oxendon	143	42	29	27 10 1	122 9 11	
138	" Putney	65	k ...	...	...	5 0 0	
139	" Regent Square	819	200	24	785 14 6	25 0 0	
140	" Richmond	98	46	47	93 9 7	106 10 5	
141	" St. John's Wood	832	223	27	469 16 9	...	
142	" Silvertown	77	100	130	47 16 2	85 0 10	
143	" South Kensington	272	65	24	187 0 0	23 0 0	
144	" Southwark	121	86	71	23 19 3	50 0 9	
145	" Stepney	216	62	29	69 11 0	150 9 0	
146	" Stoke Newington	100	k ...	...	...	100 0 0	
147	" Streatham	158	40	25	145 8 7	59 11 5	
148	" Tooting	37	17	46	10 18 6	89 1 6	
149	" Tottenham	156	126	81	166 0 0	59 0 0	
150	" Upper Norwood	203	43	41	230 0 0	...	
151	" Victoria Docks	153	62	41	157 0 0	43 0 0	
152	" Wandsworth	198	51	26	115 19 0	109 1 0	
153	" Westbourne Grove	224	e ...	...	40 0 0	...	
154	" Willesden	222	67	30	155 0 0	75 0 0	
155	" Wood Green	195	110	56	116 0 0	84 0 0	
156	" Woolwich, New Road	220	105	48	77 0 0	133 0 0	
157	" " St. Andrew's	229	91	40	72 13 3	132 6 9	
158	Norwich	176	87	49	72 9 6	132 10 6	
159	Silverhill, St. Leonards	91	47	52	77 0 0	63 0 0	
160	Southampton, St. Andrew's	260	75	29	66 0 0	159 0 0	
161	" Totton... ..	45	38	84	47 9 10	62 10 2	
162	" Woolston	86	20	23	56 0 0	144 0 0	
163	Wallington	98	12	12	26 0 0	174 0 0	
		14645	4544	36	8016 13 1	6215 19 0	
	Manchester Presbytery.						
164	Blackburn, Mount Street	56	30	54	14 16 0	105 4 0	
165	Bolton	292	120	41	42 0 0	168 0 0	
166	Bradford	233	76	33	123 0 0	87 0 0	
	Carried forward	581	226	...	179 16 0	360 4 0	

(j) Envelope system.

(k) No special organisation.

(e) No return.

STATEMENT, 1884—continued.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend there paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies)	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
5207 3 11	...	230 3 6	...	200	5637 7 5	5245 16 5	4662 11 10	9908 8 3	
210 0 0	2 10 0	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	122
180 0 0	1 2 11	...	...	...	180 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	123
246 16 6	1 2 8	...	...	...	246 16 6	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	124
215 10 11	0 17 5	...	...	...	215 10 11	200 0 0	305 0 0	505 0 0	125
220 0 0	1 3 5	...	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	126
410 0 0	1 16 0	...	...	...	410 0 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	127
122 7 3	0 11 11	...	...	200	322 7 3	200 0 0	650 0 0	850 0 0	128
314 11 0	0 11 10	...	...	...	314 11 0	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	129
240 9 6	1 3 11	...	...	...	240 9 6	200 0 0	373 0 0	573 0 0	130
40 0 0	0 3 5	160 0 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	131
200 0 0	1 17 9	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	30 0 0	230 0 0	132
533 4 9	0 12 9	...	...	...	533 4 9	200 0 0	850 0 0	1050 0 0	133
110 0 0	0 18 10	...	...	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	134
210 0 0	2 12 6	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	107 0 0	307 0 0	135
250 0 0	1 0 4	...	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	136
150 0 0	0 2 0	...	...	...	f150 0 0	f150 0 0	f100 0 0	f250 0 0	137
5 0 0	3 4 7	...	...	200	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	138
810 14 6	0 19 10	...	...	...	810 14 6	200 0 0	1600 0 0	1200 0 0	139
200 0 0	2 0 9	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	140
469 16 9	0 16 1	...	...	200	669 16 9	200 0 0	1000 0 0	1200 0 0	141
132 17 0	1 14 6	67 3 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	142
210 0 0	0 15 5	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	143
74 0 0	0 12 3	...	...	...	f74 0 0	f113 14 9	f113 14 9	f113 14 9	144
220 0 0	1 0 4	...	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	145
100 0 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	f100 0 0	f100 0 0	f250 0 0	f350 0 0	146
205 0 0	1 5 11	...	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	147
100 0 0	2 14 1	...	...	...	100 0 0	100 0 0	...	100 0 0	148
225 0 0	1 8 0	...	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	120 0 0	320 0 0	149
230 0 0	1 2 18	...	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	150
200 0 0	1 6 2	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	151
225 0 0	1 2 9	...	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	152
40 0 0	1 1 5	...	...	200	240 0 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	153
230 0 0	1 0 9	...	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	154
200 0 0	1 0 6	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	155
210 0 0	0 19 1	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	230 0 0	430 0 0	156
205 0 0	0 17 11	...	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	157
205 0 0	1 3 4	...	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	158
140 0 0	1 10 9	...	...	...	140 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	159
225 0 0	0 17 4	...	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	160
110 0 0	2 8 11	...	...	...	110 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	161
200 0 0	2 6 6	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	162
200 0 0	2 0 10	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	163
14232 12 1	1 0 10	457 6 6	1000	15689 18 7	13264 11 2	14227 11 10	27492 3 0		
120 0 0	2 2 10	...	...	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	164
210 0 0	0 14 5	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	135 0 0	335 0 0	165
210 0 0	0 18 0	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	166
540 0 0	540 0 0	600 0 0	335 0 0	935 0 0	

(f) For portion of year.

(g) Home Mission Grant.

(h) Paid by Congregation.

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			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		£	s.	d.
	MANCHESTER PRESBYTERY—cont.					£	s.	d.
	Brought forward—	581	226	...	179 16 0	360	4	0
167	Crewe	112	42	38	44 14 8	75	5	4
168	Leeds, Cavendish Road	210	105	50	106 14 5	93	5	7
169	" St. Columba	63	40	63	29 5 0	38	5	0
170	Manchester, Ancoats	253	b 70	28	171 10 6	28	9	6
171	" Bowden	130	23	18	19 6 2	...		
172	" Brunswick Street	283	65	23	68 5 0	165	9	8
173	" Grosvenor Square	362	21	6	79 14 6	199	6	1
174	" Higher Broughton	107	k ...	...	20 0 0	...		
175	" Longsight	175	94	54	72 15 9	137	4	3
176	" Pendleton	183	a ...	...	2 2 0	200	0	0
177	" St. Andrew's	249	60	24	46 0 0	184	0	0
178	" Sale	155	39	25	167 0 0	53	0	0
179	" Salford	216	b 96	44	55 7 8	144	12	4
180	" Trinity	255	92	36	65 0 0	160	0	0
181	" Whalley Range	403	a ...	...	34 4 2	...		
182	" Withington	254	50	20	87 3 4	...		
183	Ramsbottom	104	a ...	...	36 0 0	114	0	0
184	Rochdale	112	k ...	...	...	52	0	0
185	Sheffield	213	81	38	58 11 0	141	9	0
186	Warrington	77	14	18	34 3 6	75	16	6
187	Wharton	79	65	82	14 3 6	100	16	6
188	Wigan	168	76	45	50 6 7	54	13	5
		4741	1259	33	1442 3 9	2377	17	2
	Newcastle Presbytery.							
189	Bellingham	152	100	66	20 4 6	137	5	6
190	Blackhill	166	5	3	15 0 0	...		
191	Blyth, Bridge Street	96	50	52	8 6 7	121	13	5
192	" Waterloo Road	203	k ...	...	...	3	3	0
193	Durham	160	100	63	46 0 0	154	0	0
194	Falstone	140	221	158	44 14 6	105	5	6
195	Gateshead, Durham Road	361	k ...	...	3 0 0	...		
196	" Ellison Street	280	50	18	31 0 0	89	0	0
197	Hebburn	270	108	40	47 0 0	153	0	0
198	Hexham	194	117	60	15 0 0	200	0	0
199	Houghton-le-Spring	137	60	44	12 4 6	125	5	6
200	Jarrow, Ellison Street	507	a ...	...	6 6 0	...		
201	" St. Kilda's	97	28	29	14 8 0	85	12	0
202	Killingworth	54	9	17	1 2 6	54	17	6
203	Newcastle, Barras Bridge	485	100	21	53 12 3	...		
204	" Blackett Street	604	59	10	56 13 5	3	6	7
205	" Heaton	115	50	43	19 14 10	120	5	2
206	" John Knox	508	75	15	40 18 0	200	0	0
207	" St. George's	322	e ...	...	1 10 0	...		
208	" Trinity	850	148	17	86 7 3	209	0	0
	Carried forward	5701	1280	...	523 2 4	1752	14	2

(a) Collections.

(b) Exclusive of Sabbath school which also contributes.

(c) No special organisation.

(d) No return.

STATEMENT, 1884—continued.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.		Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies)		Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.		Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).		No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.			£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	
540 0 0	...	...	...	540 0 0	600 0 0	335 0 0	935 0 0	167				
120 0 0	1 1 5	...	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	168				
200 0 0	0 19 1	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	169				
67 10 0	1 1 5	...	...	f 67 10 0	f 100 0 0	f 50 0 0	f 150 0 0	170				
200 0 0	0 15 10	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	80 0 0	280 0 0	171				
19 6 2	1 13 9	...	200	219 6 2	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	172				
233 14 8	0 16 6	...	...	233 14 8	200 0 0	225 0 0	425 0 0	173				
279 0 7	0 15 5	...	...	279 0 7	200 0 0	332 10 9	532 10 9	174				
20 0 0	2 1 1	...	200	220 0 0	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	175				
210 0 0	1 4 0	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	176				
202 2 0	1 2 1	...	...	202 2 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	177				
230 0 0	0 18 6	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	220 0 0	420 0 0	178				
220 0 0	1 8 5	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	179				
200 0 0	0 18 6	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	180				
225 0 0	0 17 8	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	181				
34 4 2	0 11 8	...	200	234 4 2	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	182				
87 3 4	1 2 7	...	200	287 3 4	200 0 0	304 18 0	504 18 0	183				
150 0 0	1 8 10	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	184				
52 0 0	0 9 3	...	...	f 52 0 0	f 50 0 0	f 12 10 0	f 62 10 0	185				
200 0 0	0 18 9	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	60 0 0	260 0 0	186				
110 0 0	1 8 7	...	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	187				
115 0 0	1 9 1	12	...	127 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	188				
105 0 0	0 12 6	14	...	119 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0					
3820 0 11	0 19 6	26	800	4646 0 11	4750 0 0	3319 18 9	8069 18 9					
157 10 0	1 0 9	...	...	157 10 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	189				
15 0 0	1 5 11	...	200	215 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	190				
130 0 0	1 7 1	14	...	144 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	191				
3 3 0	1 0 0	...	200	203 3 0	200 0 0	5 0 0	205 0 0	192				
200 0 0	1 5 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	193				
150 0 0	1 1 5	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	194				
3 0 0	0 11 3	...	200	203 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	195				
120 0 0	0 8 7	...	...	f 120 0 0	f 141 13 0	f 35 0 0	f 176 13 0	196				
200 0 0	0 14 10	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	197				
215 0 0	1 2 2	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	198				
137 10 0	1 0 1	...	...	137 10 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	199				
6 6 0	0 8 2	...	200	206 6 0	200 0 0	125 0 0	325 0 0	200				
100 0 0	1 0 7	12	...	112 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	201				
56 0 0	1 0 9	...	...	56 0 0	69 19 3	...	69 19 3	202				
53 12 3	0 10 6	...	200	253 12 3	200 0 0	535 0 0	735 0 0	203				
60 0 0	0 8 7	...	200	260 0 0	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	204				
140 0 0	1 4 4	...	...	140 0 0	188 0 0	...	188 0 0	205				
240 18 0	0 9 6	...	...	240 18 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	206				
1 10 0	0 12 6	...	200	201 10 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	207				
286 7 3	0 6 9	286 7 3	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	208				
2275 16 6	...	26	1400	3701 16 6	3754 12 3	1950 0 0	5704 12 3					

(f) For portion of year.

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			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.			
	NEWCASTLE PRESBYTERY—cont.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Brought forward—	5701	1280	...	523 2 4	1752 14 2	
209	Newcastle, Westmoreland Rd.	523	82	16	46 5 0	...	
210	North Shields, Howard Street	366	150	41	41 5 3	168 14 9	
211	" Northumberland Square ...	325	44	17	39 14 2	...	
212	Seaham Harbour ...	81	40	49	14 0 9	...	
213	Seaton Burn ...	101	20	20	5 5 0	74 15 0	
214	Seaton Delaval ...	124	36	27	16 17 0	108 3 1	
215	South Shields, Laygate ...	373	140	38	48 12 5	...	
216	" St. Paul's ...	277	a ...	...	4 13 9	...	
217	Stamfordham ...	70	70	100	40 15 6	39 4 6	
218	Sunderland, North Bridge Street	161	54	34	60 13 9	139 6 3	
219	" St. George's ...	524	236	45	64 0 0	186 0 0	
220	" St. Stephen's ...	140	61	44	33 3 5	111 16 7	
221	" Smyrna ...	233	b ...	...	...	200 9 0	
222	" Trinity ...	400	90	23	19 0 0	...	
223	Swalwell ...	218	38	17	12 4 9	97 15 3	
224	Walker ...	209	33	16	4 8 0	203 12 0	
225	Wark ...	75	16	21	2 18 5	77 1 7	
226	Willington Quay ...	140	60	43	16 4 3	186 11 9	
		10041	2450	30	993 3 9	3345 14 11	
	Northumberland Presbytery.						
227	Alnwick, Lisburn Street ...	132	36	27	14 6 4	140 0 0	
228	" St. James's ...	354	80	23	23 8 0	181 12 0	
229	Bavington ...	97	52	54	24 14 0	81 16 0	
230	Bedlington ...	112	p ...	...	13 2 3	82 8 11	
231	Birdhoepraig ...	108	112	104	35 7 11	87 2 1	
232	Branton ...	236	25	7	10 19 6	149 0 6	
233	Embleton ...	196	44	22	13 9 0	116 11 0	
234	Felton ...	134	53	40	12 5 11	97 14 1	
235	Ganton ...	239	n ...	...	20 0 0	142 0 0	
236	Harbottle ...	198	106	54	10 8 8	114 11 4	
237	Longframlington ...	61	33	54	23 6 1	37 13 11	
238	Morpeth ...	283	79	28	28 0 0	187 0 0	
239	Newbiggin ...	83	k ...	...	...	16 0 0	
240	North Middleton ...	85	41	48	15 19 3	84 0 9	
241	North Sunderland ...	217	21	10	8 0 11	141 19 1	
242	Otterburn ...	119	74	62	38 8 0	103 2 0	
243	Thropton ...	144	40	28	18 19 8	87 1 1	
244	Warenford ...	170	55	32	18 15 6	96 4 6	
245	Warkworth ...	210	40	19	17 17 7	107 2 5	
246	Widdrington ...	150	25	17	20 0 0	90 0 0	
247	Wooler, Cheviot Street ...	320	k ...	...	2 0 0	198 0 0	
248	" Tower Hill ...	140	74	53	13 0 2	86 19 10	
249	" West Chapel ...	207	109	53	37 4 11	117 15 1	
		3995	1099	34	419 13 8	2545 14 7	

(a) Collections.

(b) No special organisation.

(p) Box at Church door.

(n) Quarterly collections.

STATEMENT, 1884—continued.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hawley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£		£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
2275 16 6	...	26	1400	3701 16 6	3754 12 3	1950 0 0	5704 12 3		
46 5 0	0 9 5	...	200	246 5 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		209
210 0 0	0 11 6	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	190 0 0	390 0 0		210
39 14 2	0 14 9	...	200	239 14 2	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0		211
14 0 9	0 3 6	185.19.3	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		212
80 0 0	0 15 10	14	...	94 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		213
125 0 1	1 0 2	12	...	137 0 1	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		214
48 12 5	0 13 4	...	200	248 12 5	200 0 0	172 0 0	372 0 0		215
4 13 9	0 18 11	...	200	204 13 9	200 0 0	20 0 0	220 0 0		216
80 0 0	1 1 9	10	...	90 0 0	128 0 0	...	128 0 0		217
200 0 0	1 4 10	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		218
250 0 0	0 9 7	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		219
145 0 0	1 0 9	14	...	159 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		220
200 0 0	0 17 2	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0		221
19 0 0	0 10 1	...	200	219 0 0	200 0 0	225 0 0	425 0 0		222
110 0 0	0 10 1	12	...	122 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		223
208 0 0	0 19 11	...	...	208 0 0	200 0 0	4 0 0	204 0 0		224
80 0 0	1 1 4	10	...	90 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		225
202 16 0	1 9 0	...	...	202 16 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		226
4338 18 8	0 13 5	283.19.3	2400	7022 17 11	7192 12 9	3311 0 0	10503 12 9		
154 6 4	1 3 5	...	...	154 6 4	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		227
205 0 0	0 11 7	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		228
106 10 0	1 2 0	13	...	119 10 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		229
95 11 2	0 17 2	...	...	95 11 2	151 14 4	...	151 14 4		230
122 10 0	1 2 8	11	...	133 10 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		231
160 0 0	0 13 7	...	...	160 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		232
130 0 0	0 13 3	12	...	142 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		233
110 0 0	0 16 5	12	...	122 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		234
162 0 0	0 13 7	...	...	162 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		235
125 0 0	0 12 8	12	...	137 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		236
61 0 0	1 0 0	15	...	76 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		237
215 0 0	0 15 2	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	75 0 0	275 0 0		238
16 0 0	0 3 10	...	...	16 0 0	31 4 9	...	31 4 9		239
100 0 0	1 3 6	10	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		240
150 0 0	1 3 10	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		241
141 10 0	0 13 9	...	...	141 10 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		242
106 0 9	0 14 9	14	...	120 0 9	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		243
115 0 0	0 13 6	...	...	115 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		244
125 0 0	0 11 11	...	...	125 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		245
110 0 0	0 14 8	14	...	124 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		246
200 0 0	0 12 6	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	25 0 0	225 0 0		247
100 0 0	0 14 5	...	...	100 0 0	150 0 0	...	150 0 0		248
155 0 0	0 15 0	...	...	155 0 0	198 5 1	...	198 5 1		249
2965 8 3	0 14 10	113	...	3078 8 3	4286 4 2	100 0 0	4386 4 2		

(f) For portion of year.

(h) Paid by congregation.

TABLE SHOWING SUM-

No.	PRESBYTERIES.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
1	Berwick	3340	761	31	£ 288 2 4	£ 1269 18 9
2	Birmingham	1544	553	40	639 12 6	1473 5 5
3	Bristol	1177	583	60	536 10 4	767 11 8
4	Carlisle	1992	609	50	407 14 11	1713 13 6
5	Darlington	2853	998	47	908 4 10	1686 12 4
6	Liverpool	9424	2382	27	3209 17 1	2870 11 7
7	London	14645	4544	36	8016 13 1	6215 19 0
8	Manchester	4741	1259	33	1442 3 9	2377 17 2
9	Newcastle	10041	2450	30	993 3 9	3345 14 11
10	Northumberland	3995	1099	34	419 13 8	2545 14 7
		53752	15238	34	16861 16 3	24266 18 11

MARY OF RECEIPTS, &c.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Con- gregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1558 1 1	0 10 6	88 0 0	200	1846 1 1	2483 7 8	350 0 0	2833 7 8	1
2112 17 11	1 10 4	...	...	2112 17 11	2561 14 4	400 0 0	2961 14 4	2
1304 2 0	1 5 7	...	200	1504 2 0	1400 0 0	1000 0 0	2400 0 0	3
2121 8 5	1 1 4	86 0 0	...	2207 8 5	2519 17 4	242 14 2	2762 11 6	4
2594 17 2	0 19 7	118 19 2	200	2913 16 4	3185 0 0	200 0 0	3385 0 0	5
6080 8 8	0 14 7	...	800	6880 8 8	5916 0 0	6734 17 6	12650 17 6	6
14232 12 1	1 0 10	457 6 6	1000	15689 18 7	13264 11 2	14227 11 10	27492 3 0	7
3820 0 11	0 19 6	26 0 0	800	4646 0 11	4750 0 0	3319 18 9	8069 18 9	8
4338 18 8	0 13 5	283 19 3	2400	7022 17 11	7192 12 9	3311 0 0	10503 12 9	9
2965 8 3	0 14 10	113 0 0	...	3078 8 3	4286 4 2	100 0 0	4386 4 2	10
41128 15 2	0 17 5	1173 4 11	5600	47902 0 1	47559 7 5	29886 2 3	77445 9 8	

APPENDIX B.
CLASSIFICATION OF CONGREGATIONS WITH THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

PRESBYTERIES.	AID-RECEIVING.				AID-GIVING.				NEITHER AID-GIVING NOR AID-RECEIVING.				UNCON- NECTED.		TOTAL.	
	Equal Dividend.		Less than Equal Dividend.		Participating.		Non-Participating.		Receiving Equal Dividend.		Receiving less than Equal Dividend Church Extension Charges.		Church Extension.	Old Charges.	Congregations.	Amount.
	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.				
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Derwick ...	8	1,002 3 11	3	276 17 2	...	...	1	79 0 0	1	200 0 0	...	...	...	2	15	1,558 1 1
Birmingham ...	7	1,007 3 3	2	270 14 8	4	835 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	15	2,112 17 11
Bristol ...	1	125 0 0	...	...	5	1,165 0 0	1	14 2 0	...	...	...	...	1	1	9	1,304 2 0
Carlisle ...	5	690 12 8	3	305 0 0	3	681 15 9	...	...	2	400 0 0	1	44 0 0	...	...	14	2,121 8 5
Darlington ...	10	1,496 19 2	1	100 0 0	3	617 10 0	1	21 7 2	1	200 0 0	1	159 0 10	3	...	20	2,594 17 2
Liverpool ...	3	360 10 0	1	131 0 0	13	3,567 15 8	4	221 3 0	9	1,800 0 0	...	...	2	1	33	6,080 8 8
London ...	9	1,184 0 0	4	505 0 0	36	9,513 14 7	5	697 4 0	11	2,050 0 0	4	282 13 6	4	7	80	14,232 12 1
Manchester ...	7	787 10 0	...	...	9	2,919 17 3	4	160 13 8	5	852 0 0	...	...	2	3	30	3,820 0 11
Newcastle...	9	1,215 0 1	5	396 0 0	7	1,613 1 3	12	300 16 7	4	800 0 0	1	14 0 5	...	5	43	4,338 18 8
Northumberland...	18	2,184 8 3	2	161 0 0	2	420 0 0	...	...	1	200 0 0	...	...	...	1	24	2,965 8 3
1884 ...	77	10,053 7 4	21	2,145 11 10	82	20,433 14 6	28	1,494 6 5	34	6,502 0 0	7	499 15 1	13	21	283	41,128 15 2
1883 ...	78	10,258 7 4	19	1,769 17 9	77	19,481 11 3	30	1,636 15 2	32	6,198 19 6	7	678 12 6	12	24	279	40,024 10 7
1878 ...	88	11,339 8 4	15	1,311 7 10	73	18,216 4 2	28	1,131 6 7	17	3,400 0 0	6	500 17 11	22	20	269	35,899 4 10

APPENDIX D.

AID-RECEIVING CONGREGATIONS—CHANGES BETWEEN 1878 AND 1884.

PRESBYTERIES.	DIMINISHED CLAIMS.						Stationary.	INCREASED CLAIMS.					
	Congregations still aid-receiving.		Congregations become self-sustaining.		Congregations now on Home Mission.			Congregations that have ceased to exist.		Congregations still aid-receiving.	New Claims.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Berwick ...	7	60 1 4	...	...	...	...	1	95 0 0	1	3	3 1 0	...	...
Birmingham ...	1	12 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	48 15 5	5	238 15 4
Bristol ...	1	13 6 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carlisle ...	5	83 14 6	1	95 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	3	30 11 6	...	...
Darlington ...	6	133 9 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	188 0 0
Liverpool ...	2	52 14 9	1	20 19 7	...	...	...	...	...	1	24 13 4	1	35 0 0
London ...	9	142 17 9	3	86 15 6	2	150 19 9	1	95 0 0	1	1	20 10 0	2	75 0 0
Manchester ...	1	8 0 0	...	...	1	67 4 10	1	111 5 0	1	4	129 5 11	1	50 0 0
Newcastle ...	5	198 0 1	5	187 12 1	...	...	2	77 10 0	2	5	47 19 2	2	60 13 0
Northumberland	13	170 2 2	2	35 0 0	...	...	1	80 0 0	1	6	36 17 2	...	...
Total ...	50	874 16 7	12	425 7 2	3	218 4 7	6	458 15 0	6	26	341 13 6	16	656 8 4

III.

HOME MISSION REPORT,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

I.—CHURCH EXTENSION.

THOUGH four Preaching Stations have been raised since last Synod to the status of Regular Charges, only one new enterprise has been undertaken, viz., at *Millfield*, a district in the western portion of Sunderland. It was stated in last Report that the Congregation of Trinity Church in that town proposed occupying this district with a Mission, which they hoped would ultimately grow into a regular Congregation. Matters have already progressed hopefully in that direction. The Hall then referred to has now been erected—a comfortable building capable of holding 300 persons, with eight distinct class-rooms for Sunday School work—and services are now being regularly conducted on the Sabbath, both morning and evening, as well as on the Thursday evening, and are well attended. A Sunday School has been gathered numbering nearly 200. As there is a large Presbyterian element in the district, which is steadily increasing, while there is no other Presbyterian Church nearer than a mile, a large Congregation is likely soon to be gathered. The site for a Church has also been secured adjoining the Hall. The young enterprise was formally recognised as a Preaching Station in January last.

In addition to this new enterprise, however, the initial steps have been taken for the commencement of a new Congregation in the London suburb of *Bromdesbury*, a district lying between St. John's Wood and Willesden. After careful enquiry the Presbytery of London have sanctioned the commencement of a Congregation here, this step having been taken at the instance of Presbyterians living in the neighbourhood, who find the distance inconveniently great to the nearest of the existing Congregations. A site has been selected, and building will be shortly begun. The population of the district is rapidly increasing, and there is an ample field for Christian work. Steps are also to be taken immediately for the erection of the Church at *Highgate*, the sanction of which, by the Presbytery of London, was formerly reported.

Your Committee have also pleasure in reporting that the Presbytery of London have seen their way to recognise as a Preaching Station the Mission conducted by the Willesden Congregation at *College Park*,

and it is hoped that this will ultimately grow into a regular Congregation.

Of the Church extension enterprises previously reported, *four* have now secured ministers, and are making satisfactory progress, viz.:—*Blackheath*, in the Presbytery of London; *Walton* and *Peel Road* (formerly *Marsh Lane*), in the Presbytery of Liverpool; and *Silloth*, in the Presbytery of Carlisle.

In regard to the other enterprises previously reported, the following brief statements may suffice:—

1. The Preaching Station at *Swindon*, in the Presbytery of Bristol, has been raised to the status of a regular charge. The Congregation have also begun to build a Hall, and are otherwise throwing themselves into the work with great earnestness, and good hopes are expressed that they will yet prove 'a credit to the denomination.'

2. The Preaching Station at *West Kirby*, under the care of the Egremont Session and a Provisional Committee of the Liverpool Presbytery, has had encouraging success during the past year. During the summer months the attendance taxes the utmost capacity of the building, and the services are much appreciated by the numerous visitors to West Kirby and Hoylake. Even during the winter months the attendance of residents in the neighbourhood has warranted the step that is now being taken to apply to the Presbytery to be constituted a regular charge. Besides meeting all the expenses of supply, upwards of £50 has been raised for Missionary and Benevolent purposes, whilst a few friends have engaged a Biblewoman to work in the neighbourhood, whose labours have met with encouragement. There is hope in the near future of erecting a good congregation in this fast growing district.

3. *Oldham*.—Soon after the last meeting of Synod the Preaching Station at Oldham was, by the Synod's authority, raised to the status of a regular Charge. The Congregation presented a harmonious Call to the Rev. Thomas Curry of Aston Tyrrold, and were fondly hoping that he would accept it. He felt it his duty, however, to decline. The people were disappointed, and for the time dismayed. But they have thoroughly rallied. They continue united and earnest. The services are well attended. The various agencies of usefulness are in vigorous operation. A Fund has been started towards the building of a Church, and a considerable sum subscribed. And if they can only secure speedily a suitable Minister, there can be no doubt that in this important Lancashire town, with its 152,000 of population, there will, with the Divine blessing, be developed a large and prosperous Church.

4. *Wimbledon*.—The services here have been conducted throughout the year with as large a measure of success as usually attends a Congregation worshipping in a hired Hall and without a settled minister. The Congregation has been raised to the status of a regular Charge, and though disappointed in their first Call are in good heart. A suitable site has been secured on which to build a Church. Up to the present time the nucleus already gathered have borne the whole expense connected with the movement. Altogether there is every reason to look hopefully forward to the future of this Congregation.

5. *Cambridge*.—The services have been conducted as hitherto,

and with an encouraging amount of success. The difficulty of getting a site still remains unsolved. But the Presbytery of London have been considering the basis on which Congregations in Oxford and Cambridge should be organised. This may possibly involve some departure from the procedure usual in the erection of new charges, and it is hoped the matter may be ripe for the consideration of this Synod. It is necessary that the arrangements connected with the future position of our Church in both of these towns should be formulated and receive the sanction of the Synod before contributions are solicited from Scotland and Ireland.

After what was deemed a sufficiently long trial, though under somewhat unfavourable circumstances—the place of meeting (the only one to be had in the district) having been peculiarly unsuitable—the Presbytery of London have deemed it wise to retire from *East Moulsey*. The Presbytery of Manchester also no longer return *Harpurhey* as a Church-extension enterprise. Neither of these places, therefore, will fall to be reported on under this head in the future.

It will be seen from the Financial Statement, in the Accounts of the Church, that the amount of grants paid in 1884, in aid of Church extension work, was £1,233 17s. 5d., against £1,256 17s. 6d. in 1883, £1,123 6s. 8d. in 1882, and £1,041 9s. 8d. in 1881. The advance in the last two years is mainly due to the slightly increased activity in Church extension of the Presbyteries of Bristol, Carlisle, Liverpool, and Manchester, as explained in former reports. It is admitted on all hands, however, that the Church is by no means doing at present, in this department, what it ought to do. It becomes the more serious, in these circumstances, that your Committee have to report a *decreasing* income for the General Fund, the contributions from Congregations having been only £1,484 13s. 3d. in 1884, against £1,585 12s. 4d., in 1883, and £1,775 8s. 5d. in 1882. If, as is to be earnestly hoped, Church extension is about to receive a new start among us, it is plain that the Congregations of the Church must show a heartier interest in a Fund which has to provide not only for Church extension, but for steadily increasing demands in aid of Evangelistic work as well.

II.—CHURCH BUILDING AND DEBT EXTINCTION FUND.

The action taken by last Synod in instructing the Committee to consider afresh ‘the whole subject of Church Extension and Home Missions,’ with the view of meeting differences of opinion that had arisen especially in connection with this Fund, seemed to them to limit their immediate duty in this department to the taking of such measures as might enable them to meet the more clamant necessities of the hour. With this view they took an early opportunity of communicating with all the Presbyteries, suggesting sums which they might respectively endeavour to raise in their own districts, so as to secure a first year’s contribution of £5,000 for the new scheme before this meeting of Synod. Your Committee regret to say that, though several of the Presbyteries have taken more or less active measures in the direction proposed, the whole amount that has yet found its way into the Treasury of the Church consists of

£1,734 11s. 8d. from the Presbytery of London and £250 from the Presbytery of Liverpool.

The exact financial position at the close of 1884 was this:—

1. The Church Building Fund showed a credit balance of £2,235 4s. 11d. Against this there stood three unclaimed moieties of grants made under the former scheme, amounting to £1,125, leaving an available balance of £1,110 4s. 11d. towards the unpaid grants made *provisionally* (*i.e.* subject to the requisite amounts being raised) under the new scheme. These grants affect seven Congregations, and amount to £4,875.

2. *The Aid and Loan Fund* showed a debit balance of £636 11s. 10d. in addition to which grants have been made *provisionally* to five Congregations, to the amount of £700 in gifts and £650 in loans, while there are outstanding loans to the amount of £450.

Combining the Church Building and the Aid and Loan Funds, the position at the end of 1884 was this:—

I. CLAIMS.

			£	s.	d.
Three unclaimed Moieties under the former Scheme	...	...	1,125	0	0
Debit Balance of Aid and Loan Fund	...	...	636	11	10
Provisional Church Building Grants	...	...	4,875	0	0
Provisional Aid and Loan Grants	...	...	1,350	0	0
			<hr/>		
			£7,986 11 10		

II. RESOURCES.

Credit Balance of Church Building Fund	...	2,235	4	11	
Outstanding Loans	...	450	0	0	
		<hr/>			
		2,685			4 11
Deficiency for Existing Claims	...	...	...	£5,301	6 11
				<hr/>	

This is exclusive of a sum of £500 which your Committee expressed themselves willing to vote, should they be put in funds, in furtherance of the excellent movement for the union of the Congregations of Coupland Street and Whalley Range in Manchester. The formal application by schedule has not in this case, however, yet been made, though the Committee regard themselves as bound by the terms of the resolution referred to.

Such was the position of the Fund at the end of 1884 in relation, on the one hand, to the grants which had been made absolutely under the old scheme, and on the other to those made provisionally under the new scheme. But besides these cases of applications considered and dealt with, there were lying on the table of your Committee unconsidered applications from seven other Congregations for grants amounting in the aggregate to £3,433.

Since the closing of the accounts the position has been favourably affected by two circumstances.

It has been intimated to your Committee that that princely benefactor of this Church, the late Mr. Robert Barbour, has left £5,000 to this Fund.

Additional subscriptions have also been received to the amount of £70.

The outstanding subscriptions in the Presbytery of London amount to £3,550 1s. 7*d.*, payable over four years.

So far, therefore, as the cases are concerned which have been already considered by your Committee, the difficulty has been greatly reduced. The question is—What is to be done with the other applications already referred to, sent in since December 2, 1883, when your Committee felt themselves precluded from considering any additional cases? Some of these are extremely urgent, and have given rise to correspondence of a very painful and embarrassing character. It is really a matter of supreme importance that an end should be speedily put to a deadlock, the moral effect of which cannot fail to be most detrimental to the highest interests of the Church.

III.—THE LATE MR. ROBERT BARBOUR.

Having mentioned the name of the late Mr. Robert Barbour, your Committee cannot allow the occasion to pass without making some reference to the extraordinary services rendered by the bearer of that honoured name to one of the sections of the now happily united Church in connection with Home Mission Work, as well as to the substantial help given for the same object since the Union. It is well known that Mr. Barbour was the first Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee in the Presbyterian Church in England. He undertook the office at a time when that Church was both feeble and disorganised. But his help went far beyond the administration of the fund entrusted to him. He was in himself a supplementary Home Mission, giving unstinted, yet carefully considered, help with an open-handedness such as has been rarely if ever exemplified. No one can tell how much that section of the Church owed to him in its early formative period, nor how much his example and influence contributed to the development of that hopeful and progressive spirit which so promptly took hold of it, and contributed so powerfully to its consolidation and enlargement. Nor did he ever, till the close of life, cease to take a direct and loving interest, alike in the work of the Church as a whole and in the progress of individual Congregations, in which from time to time he had come to interest himself. Till within a comparatively short time of his removal from us letters of interested inquiry were frequently coming in, in regard to all the interests affecting the Church, and no less touchingly in regard to the welfare and progress of particular Congregations. Any Church might have been thankful for such an example among its people of princely liberality and goodness.

IV.—EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The grants made by your Committee for Evangelistic work in 1884 were as follows, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
I. To Mission Churches	125	0	0
II. „ Preaching Stations	177	10	0
III. „ Congregations for Employment of Probationers and Students in Mission Work	53	15	0
IV. „ Congregations in Aid of Special Evangelistic Services	21	11	2
V. „ Proportion of Cost of Mission Work at Yar- mouth (for two years)	20	0	0
Total	397	16	2

The reports of Evangelistic work done in the various Presbyteries are this year exceptionally full, showing growing interest and increasingly careful Presbyterial supervision. A report has been sent in from every Presbytery. The following is a brief digest, as far as seems needful, of their contents :—

1. Presbytery of *Berwick*.—Something like a new departure seems to have taken place in this Presbytery in Evangelistic work. Special services have been held in connection with seven of the country Congregations, and have only been postponed, in the case of the remainder, till the beginning of next winter. Joint meetings have also been held in the town of Berwick. All the services seem to have been attended with more or less marked indications of blessing. It is also reported that all the ministers of country Congregations conduct prayer meetings, with greater or less regularity, in farm kitchens, labourers' cottages, &c., the people being, in some instances, personally invited and tracts distributed. In one country Congregation, Sabbath Schools have been established at two outlying farms, the minister visiting each once a month, while a staff of twenty tract distributors visit every house within a radius of about three miles. The Congregation of Wallace Green conducts a fully-equipped mission, while that of Church Street carries on tract distribution and house to house visitation in a poor part of the town of Berwick.

2. Presbytery of *Birmingham*.—As this Presbytery was visited last autumn by the Synod Deputies, and each Congregation will be fully reported on by them in Appendix A. to this Report, it seems undesirable to enter into minute detail here. Your Committee are glad, however, to find that Evangelistic activity continues to form a marked characteristic of this Presbytery, special services being reported in connection with the Congregations at Walsall, Stafford, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, and Broad Street (Birmingham), while 'continuous mission work is carried on in connection with most if not all the Congregations,' in some with a very complete organisation and great earnestness. Nottingham and Wolverhampton have each selected special Mission districts, which they are working diligently. In most of the other Congregations

the Mission work is conducted from the Church itself. A Presbyterial Conference had been arranged to be held in March, with the view of discussing the best forms of permanent mission effort, so as to avoid dissipating energy and resources on such as are found to yield no abiding results.

3. Presbytery of *Bristol*.—The report from this Presbytery gives, for the first time, a brief but complete statement in regard to all its Congregations, which it has seemed best to give substantially as it stands:—

All the Congregations in the Presbytery of Bristol are in full sympathy with Evangelistic work, and are inspired more or less with an Evangelistic spirit, and there is evidence of a watchful, wistful eye to the regions beyond, and of a readiness to seize every opportunity to extend the kingdom of our Lord; but there is no movement to report which may now be termed special.

Aberdare.—Our little Congregation here has been bravely struggling with its debt difficulties, and firmly getting the upper hand of them, and under the strain it has been holding on its way in all the spiritual work of a Christian Congregation. The minister takes his turn with his brother ministers in open-air preaching through the summer months.

Bristol.—This Congregation has been greatly strengthened and consolidated, and organised with more completeness. The minister has been dealing with current topics of unbelief among the masses, and large numbers of professed unbelievers have been drawn in to listen to the defence and exposition of the truth.

Cardiff.—The Congregation here has also been growing in inward strength. It has been perfecting and enlarging the Church, and with these material engagements it has been sustaining mothers' meetings, district visitation, and other modes of Christian usefulness, which are no longer special, but ordinary.

Cheltenham.—A mothers' meeting of eighty-two members; a district visitors' association, circulating 850 'Monthly Visitors' per month; a country chapel sustained at the village of Gotherington; and a weekly Mission service held by the minister in a Hall rented for the purpose—constitute the main Evangelistic agency of this Congregation.

Gloucester.—Open-air services were conducted by the minister during May, June, and part of July in the vicinity of the Church, and were largely attended. Many were heard to say how much they were blessed at these meetings. Our young men regularly hold an evening service at a Mission hall, erected by themselves at their own cost, in a village some two miles out of the city. God has blessed their efforts to bring the Gospel within reach of the ignorant and godless villagers.

Plymouth.—Our Congregation at Plymouth has had to re-erect its Church, which was destroyed by fire. The work has been most successfully accomplished, and the Congregation has increased its strength and efficiency under the strain. For part of the year they were worshipping in the Guild-hall, and had an evening attendance of nearly 2,000 persons.

Swansea.—Here the long vacancy is unfortunately still unfilled; but, notwithstanding, this Congregation has been carrying forward its Sunday School work and district visitation, keeping well together, reducing a large portion of its debt, and all with considerable enterprise and vigour.

Swindon.—This new Station has been raised to the status of a regular

Charge. Though young, it is thriving and vigorous; and as it is the fruit of Home Mission enterprise, it may be considered as one of the Evangelistic agencies of the Presbytery of Bristol.

Torquay.—There has been no special effort in this Congregation during the past year. A short 'after meeting' has, however, been held regularly at the close of the Sunday evening service; and in addition to the usual noon week-day services there has been held a fortnightly meeting on the evening of Tuesday, of an Evangelistic nature.

4. Presbytery of *Carlisle*.—Details of the work carried on in this Presbytery were given with considerable fulness in the Report submitted in 1883, as also in the Reports of the Synod Deputies submitted in 1884. It is enough to say, on the present occasion, that Evangelistic work is being prosecuted on the same lines as then reported, in nearly all the Congregations, and with earnestness and success. In connection with *High Street, Whitehaven*, a new start has been made with the settlement of their young minister. On the other hand, a serious loss has been sustained at *Penrith*, through the sudden removal of the esteemed minister, Rev. John Tannahill, M.A., by death. The Presbyterial Report makes special reference to the services rendered by Mr. Tannahill in such work, noting that 'he took an unfailing interest in the Preaching Stations connected with his Church at Penrith, and often conducted Evangelistic services in the surrounding district.' The Report also gives special recognition of the valuable help given in such work by non-ministerial brethren, expressing the prayer that the number of such may be largely increased in the district.

5. Presbytery of *Darlington*.—Full details of the work carried on in this Presbytery also have been furnished in the report of the Synod Deputies submitted in 1883. Here, too, the work goes on in the same general lines, the place of honour being still assigned to *Prospect Street, Hull*, where Evangelistic effort is prosecuted more vigorously than ever. In the whole Presbytery ten Mission Schools are reported as carried on, the aggregate attendance on nine of the number amounting to 932. Only in one congregation—*West Hartlepool*—were special Evangelistic services reported, but these are said to have been accompanied with encouraging results, both in the way of impressing the unconverted and refreshing believers.

6. Presbytery of *Liverpool*.—The Report from this Presbytery is both *comprehensive and compact*, but as statistical matter, as well as detailed accounts of the more thoroughly organised Missions in the Presbytery, have been very fully given in previous years, it seems enough to say, in regard to these, on the present occasion, that the earnestness and efficiency of the Mission work done in connection with our Liverpool Congregations show no abatement, but rather decided increase. There are as many as three Probationers, one Medical Missionary, nine Lay Missionaries, one Missionary Nurse, and six Biblewomen, stately employed in the work, besides a large and growing body of private Christian workers. The following extracts are full of interest:—

Special Services have been held in 16 Churches or Missions, sometimes in both (as Islington and Canning Street). In twelve instances hope is expressed as to good results, and in a few instances expectation of a deep work.

Mission and Evangelistic work has added considerably to membership. The greatest additions are probably at Earle Road (under *Sefton Park*), but the numbers are not given. At *Rockferry* 70 have partaken of the Lord's Supper, of whom 42 were reclaimed. Hyslop Street Mission (under *Canning Street*) has within the year formed a roll of 41 members; *Claughton* reports 30 additions through Evangelistic effort, and *Egremont* and *St. Peter's* the same number. Fifteen of the reports indicate additions thus made.

There are few *Cottage* or *Kitchen Meetings*, but most districts are visited with tracts. Almost every variety of Christian effort is in operation within the Presbytery, some Congregational Missions being much more fully equipped for service than others.

There seems to be a growing feeling of the need, also of the value, of more personal and steady work on the part of Church members and Office-bearers, and that less is to be expected from special efforts by outside agents. At the same time, some of the most hopeful results recorded have occurred in connection with the visits of strangers.

The Committee added two questions to the schedule for this year. One was to ascertain how far help might be looked for from the membership of our Churches in conducting special services. Twenty-three names have been furnished, but ministers have generally declined to answer, either because of a delicacy in naming gentlemen, or because of knowing that many of the best workers are already fully employed. Almost all the schedules express perfect readiness to co-operate with the Committee in arranging for Evangelistic work, the replies being uniformly hearty and sympathetic. The state of multitudes in and around the city is conspicuously matter of most earnest concern in all our Churches, and where some divergence of opinion seems to exist, it is only on methods of work suited for different spheres, and in no case from any slowness or unwillingness to use any instrumentality which God may seem likely to bless.

7. Presbytery of *London*.—The report of this Presbytery expresses the judgment that the interests of Evangelistic work can be best served by co-operating with Congregations 'in the twofold endeavour to develope in them the Evangelistic spirit, and to accomplish by them a larger Evangelistic work.' Recognising that a large amount of important work is done which does not come directly under the notice of the Presbytery, they confine their report to the following statement of work reported or carried on more or less in connection with the Evangelisation Committee of the Presbytery:—

Services extending from eight to ten or twelve days have been held in *Somers Town*, *Kentish Town*, *Oxendon*, *Willesden*, and *Kilburn*, all in the North-Western District, to which the efforts of the Committee have been specially directed. A similar work was done in Forest Hill in connection with the initiation of an important and hopeful Missionary enterprise, to be prosecuted by that Congregation, which seems to be devoting itself with great vigour to the work; and quite recently a series of Evangelistic meetings have been conducted in *Drury Lane* by Rev. Mr. Alexander, with such encouraging results that another series is already in contemplation. Evangelistic meetings have also been held at *Westbourne Grove*, advantage being taken of the interest awakened by the West End Mission of the Episcopal Church. Special notice should also be taken of the opening of the new Mission premises in connection with *Marylebone* Congregation, and the numerous services with which the new departure was inaugurated. Arrangements were also made for services in connection with some of our

Congregations in the East of London. For special reasons these have not yet been held, but are still in prospect. The work at *Bermondsey* (in the South-East) is at present in a transition state, and it is hoped that the Congregation, with the aid of the Committee specially appointed for the purpose, may soon be in a position greatly to enlarge its usefulness as a centre of Evangelisation. Outside of London the Committee have not been able to accomplish much. Through Mr. Lees and General Anderson, two of its members, an important work has been done in *Chatham*, from which valuable results have been already realised. In *Edenbridge* again there has been praiseworthy activity, our Congregation uniting with other denominations in a series of meetings similar to those held last year, the good results of which have been manifest and abiding. In a general way it may be said that wherever meetings have been held there have been results of both kinds—the quickening of Christians and the conversion of sinners. The Committee have under consideration the question whether more could not be done by the combined efforts of contiguous Congregations, where each is not strong enough to act with vigour alone; but on this they are not yet prepared to report.

8. Presbytery of *Manchester*.—The report from this Presbytery continues to occupy the first place among those sent in to your Committee for the completeness of the information given in regard to the Evangelistic work carried on in the various Congregations, and there is probably no other Presbytery in the Church that takes so much pains to encourage and direct the Evangelistic efforts of its various Congregations. Having given last year a summary of the work reported, your Committee think it better on the present occasion to direct attention to the measures adopted by the Presbytery for the guidance and encouragement of Congregations.

(1.) In the month of November last a circular was issued to all the Congregations requesting them to consider the following resolutions adopted by the Presbytery, and to report their decisions on the suggestions contained in them:—

I. That the Presbytery, regarding the Congregations within the bounds as centres of action for reaching non-Church-goers in their respective neighbourhoods, encourage each Congregation to have a clearly defined Mission District, and where desirable and practicable to secure a Mission Hall.

II. That with the view of deepening in our Congregations the sense of obligation to reach the careless in their Mission Districts, the Presbytery should hold a conference with the friends who are interested in Christian work in our several Congregations.

III. That in the prosecution of Evangelistic work, the following agencies are recommended:—District Visitation, Tract Distribution, Cottage Meetings, Mothers' Meetings, Evangelistic Services, Children's Services, Mission Sunday Schools, Bands of Hope, and Savings Banks.

IV. That a series of Evangelistic services, extending from six to fourteen days be held by all our Congregations, arrangements to be left to the respective sessions.

V. That in every Congregation within the bounds of the Presbytery arrangements be made for holding an Annual Missionary Meeting of the Congregation during the winter months, and also an Annual Missionary Meeting for the children of the Congregation and Sunday Schools.

VI. That there be held as formerly a United Missionary Meeting, in Manchester, in spring, to be arranged by the Evangelistic Committee.

VII. That the Evangelistic Committee, as far as practicable, provide speakers for Evangelistic Services and for Missionary Meetings, on application from the Congregations of the Presbytery to the Rev. James Lees, 12 Acomb Street, Greenheys, now appointed Joint Convener.

(2.) In addition to this the Presbytery issued in February their annual schedule of queries in regard to the work actually done, the results being embodied in the report now before your Committee.

Such careful supervision cannot fail to bear fruit, and it is abundantly evident that Evangelistic effort is widely and successfully carried on in connection with the various Congregations of this Presbytery.

9. Presbytery of *Newcastle*.—In view of the details given by the Synod Deputies in the Appendix to this Report, in regard to all the Congregations in the Northern Section of the Presbytery of Newcastle, it seems undesirable to speak of the work of individual Congregations here. The following extract from the report of the Presbyterial Evangelisation Committee will show the general condition of the Presbytery in relation to Evangelistic work :—

It is gratifying to find that every Congregation in the Presbytery is doing something to leaven the outlying masses with Gospel truth, and to lessen the wickedness and ungodliness that everywhere prevail.

Mothers' meetings are held weekly or fortnightly in connection with several of the Congregations. Cottage meetings are also kept up during the greater part of the year by a goodly number of sessions. Mission Sunday Schools are also in existence in various churches, and appear to be increasing in number and efficiency.

Your Committee are also aware that not a few of the town Congregations in this Presbytery have large, thoroughly organised Congregational Missions, embracing services for adults as well as for children ; and the details reported in regard to a few Congregations show that there is decided progress.

10. Presbytery of *Northumberland*.—A brief but interesting and suggestive report is submitted from this Presbytery. Though much has not been done during the past year in the way of what are called 'special services,' it is truly remarked that in such a Presbytery—almost exclusively rural in its character—

A good deal is always being done which, although it may be regarded as Congregational in some respects, is yet also in spirit and aim purely Evangelistic. Services conducted in houses where all are welcome, district prayer meetings, and preachings in homesteads or wherever the people can most conveniently come together, are mainly of this character.

Much has been done in these ways during the year. Cottage meetings have been held 'occasionally' in *Embleton*; 'regularly' in *Bavington*; 'in all the houses of the Congregation' of *Warenford*; 'in every district around' *Birdhope Craig*; 'occasionally' in *Branton*; 'in all the districts' belonging to *Cheriot Street, Wooler*; in *Felton* and neighbourhood to the number of sixty-seven; in *North Middleton* 'at times'; in *Longframlington* 'occasionally'; in every district connected with *St. James', Alnwick*; in some of the outlying districts around *Tower Hill, Wooler*, and 'occasionally' in *Warkworth, Morpeth, and Widdington* neighbourhoods.

In addition to these meetings there has been a weekly service in a schoolroom in a district of *Bavington*; regular preaching kept up in the districts round *Harbottle*; preaching twice every week in the neighbourhood of *Glanton* during the summer and autumn months; a weekly service in *Bilton* under the care of a member of *St. James'* session, and supplied by several of the brethren; and a monthly service at *Woodburn* and *Elsdon* near *Otterburn*. Home Mission work is also carried on in *Buller's Green*, a part of *Morpeth*, with encouraging results and prospects.

These returns show a goodly amount of work done not only within the membership of our churches, but also among others, and of an Evangelistic character. Upon the whole, while they leave much to be desired, they are also gratifying and hopeful. A work has been steadily carried on, month after month, in the ways mentioned, that can hardly have failed to maintain, if not to deepen, the interest of the people in spiritual things beyond what is regularly being done in the sanctuary. There can be no doubt that many beyond the ordinary sphere of the pastorate have been reached.

Your Committee submit the usual return of Congregational Mission work reported from the various Congregations of the Church.

Presbyteries	Attendance at Mission Services for Adults	Mission Sabbath Schools		
		No. of Schools	Roll	Attendance
Berwick	300	1	219	165
Birmingham	113	1	225	131
Bristol	200	2	167	108
Carlisle	401	8	913	667
Darlington	245	9	1,203	901
Liverpool	2,789	19	7,457	5,289
London	4,640	30	7,964	5,740
Manchester	1,119	11	1,765	1,451
Newcastle	1,862	28	3,830	2,728
Northumberland	236	3	170	125
Total	11,905	112	23,913	17,305

V.—SYNOD DEPUTIES.

The Presbytery of Birmingham was duly visited in the autumn, and that of Newcastle in the spring, by the Deputies appointed at last Synod, assisted in the former case by the Rev. William Fraser and Messrs. Robert Wales and William Farquharson, and in the latter by Messrs. James Goodman and Robert Amos. Their reports are presented, as usual, in the Appendix. Your Committee regret that Mr. Francis Johnston was prevented from serving by the state of his health.

Your Committee suggest that next year's Deputies be sent to the Congregations of the Presbytery of London lying south of the Thames, not yet visited, and to the Presbytery of Berwick. They suggest that the Deputies be:—

Ministers—Revs. Robert Taylor, Dr. A. B. Grosart, S. R. McPhail, and John Thompson.

Elders—Messrs. W. S. Wilkinson, James Goodman, Thomas Matheson, and Francis Johnston.

VI.—REORGANISATION.

It will be remembered that last Synod specially instructed your Committee, as slightly enlarged for the purpose, to consider whether anything could be done, in view of existing difference of opinion, to ‘secure fuller harmony and wider interest in and responsibility for’ the work entrusted to the Committee, ‘without injuriously affecting such work as the Church is already committed to.’

This matter has been throughout the year the subject of most anxious and careful consideration, both by a large Sub-committee appointed for the purpose from all parts of the Church, and (on the successive reports of that Sub-committee) by the General Committee itself. It does not seem necessary to detail the course of the discussions on the question, or the various motions submitted at successive meetings. It is enough to say that the scheme of Reorganisation, together with the revision of the Rules for the administration of the Funds, to be found in Appendix B attached to this Report, were adopted unanimously by the Sub-committee, and so submitted by them to the Committee. The Committee, by the casting vote of the Chairman, adopted the Scheme and Rules, and now lay them before your reverend Court.

VII.—CLASSES OF THE POPULATION STANDING OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.

Your Committee were instructed by last Synod to give their special attention to the care of those large classes of the population who are lying outside the direct influence of the Christian Church. Having carefully considered the matter, your Committee desire to express their conviction of the necessity for the Church taking, at the earliest possible moment, a fresh departure in its Home Mission work, with the special view of bringing the Gospel more directly to the large body of our wage-earning population who do not at present embrace the means of grace within their reach. They are most hopeful that special and wisely-considered steps with this view would prove fruitful. And they therefore venture to recommend to your reverend Court to direct the earnest and prayerful attention of Presbyteries to the urgency of this need, in the hope that, at least in some quarters of the Church, active steps may be taken at an early date.

VIII.—EVANGELISTIC AGENCIES OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.

The Federal Council, established at the Union in 1876, having requested the respective Synods of the two federated Churches represented in it to consider the possibility of devising measures to bring Evangelistic agencies outside the Church into closer fellowship and harmony with Church organisations, last Synod remitted this important question to your Committee for consideration. After giving the matter their best attention, your Committee do not see their way to do more than express their judgment that the best, and perhaps the only, solution of the questions

connected with this subject is to be found in the development of the Church's own power in the preaching of the Gospel to our home population, so as, if possible, to leave no want needing to be supplied by such outside agencies.

IX.—OTHER REMITS.

Two other matters, very cognate in their character, were remitted to your Committee for consideration, viz.:—

1. The overture of the Presbytery of Newcastle on the preaching of the Gospel by others than regular licentiates and ministers; and
2. The overture of certain members of last Synod on the question of the Ordination of Home Missionaries.

Both of these matters have been under careful consideration by your Committee, and some progress has been made towards maturing them for ultimate consideration by the Synod; but, with the other special and very heavy work with which the Committee have been charged during the past year, they have found it impossible to complete their consideration of these questions. They have therefore to request that they be left in their hands for another year, and that your Committee be empowered to lay the conclusions at which they may arrive before the Presbyteries of the Church, and to obtain their judgment on them in the course of the year, so as to mature the questions for consideration by the Synod of 1886. In regard to the Newcastle overture it may be stated that, having, as instructed by last Synod, requested suggestions from the various Presbyteries, your Committee found that, while all sympathised with the object contemplated, *three* seemed to be of opinion that there was no need for special Synodical action in the matter, but *seven* were of opinion that the time had come for the adoption of some method of recognising and encouraging this form of Christian activity.

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[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church'—General Fund, p. 916; Church Building Fund, p. 918.]

APPENDIX A.

REPORTS OF SYNOD DEPUTIES.

I. VISITATION OF PRESBYTERY OF BIRMINGHAM.

Visited by Revs. JOHN MATHESON, of Hampstead, and WILLIAM FRASER, of Brighton, with Mr. WILKINSON, of Morpeth, and Messrs. WALES and FARQUHARSON, of London, Elders; from 25th September to 8th October, 1884.

THE Visitors received a very high impression of the importance of the Church's work in the busy Midlands of England. The Presbytery is widely scattered, and the Ministers deserve much sympathy in holding

up the banner of Presbyterianism in populous localities with little mutual support. A compensation is, that most of the charges have ample out-field for mission work. In Birmingham, Nottingham, and Stafford there is much avowed infidelity. In Leicester Unitarianism is strong. In most of the towns occupied there is much apathy about religion, while in some ignorance, drunkenness, social immorality, betting, and neglect of public worship prevail. The efforts of the Church for social improvement have been helped recently in many places by the Gospel Temperance movement. The Ministers of the Presbytery are nearly all diligent labourers. There is a lack of adequate Elders; only in one congregation is there a staff of Deacons; in all the others the Minister has the support of active Managers. These, and the congregational membership, are in large proportion of English birth.

The Visitors enjoyed excellent weather, and the hearty hospitality of the brethren. They were specially grateful for the welcome given to their 'plain speaking,' in the congregations and the Presbytery, of what seemed to them feeble in management, or not wide enough in conception of the duty owing to the Church or to the home heathenism around. Their satisfaction was crowned when the Presbytery, after conference, appointed a Committee of their own number to bring up at next meeting practical suggestions for their own action, and requested the use of the Visitors' notes to make that effective.

Mr. Matheson and Mr. Fraser, with Mr. Wilkinson, visited Leicester, Worcester, Stafford, Walsall, and Dudley; and with Mr. Farquharson, Wolverhampton and Hanley. On the Sundays, Mr. Matheson and Mr. Wales visited Birmingham (Camphill and New John Street) and Nottingham. Mr. Fraser and Mr. Wilkinson visited Birmingham (Broad Street and Smethwick) on one Sunday, and Mr. Fraser and Mr. Farquharson visited Derby on the other Sunday. The Sunday work, besides preaching, embraced special addresses to the congregations and Sunday Schools.

BIRMINGHAM: Broad Street.—This charge originated in a visit paid by Edward Irving to Birmingham in 1824. The present Church is a substantial edifice on a main street, but needs, and it is hoped will soon receive, renovation, to make it more attractive. The ample accommodation for work in the somewhat costly schools is in a neighbouring street. The congregation is not large, but the Elders do not appear to have been accustomed to visit. The Managers are anxious to go forward. The minister, Mr. Thorburn, has opened to him in the great town of Birmingham a limitless outfield from which a congregation, large in numbers and influence, may be gathered.

Camphill.—This is a well-worked and a fairly flourishing congregation. The Church is a good substantial building, but there is a deficiency of classroom accommodation, and yet one marked feature in the congregational work is the attention paid to the young, as seen in the large Sunday School and the various Bible-classes, and the connection kept up between these and the congregation. Mr. McKerrow and his session had the pleasure of admitting last year to the communion of the Church seven young persons from the Bible-classes, who had passed into these from the Sunday School. The Sunday School is filled partly from the congregation, but chiefly from the neighbourhood of the Church. The congregation is four-fifths English. There is abundant scope for more energetic Missionary efforts to reach the large non-Church-going population in the district.

New John Street.—This congregation, begun in 1854, has had a chequered existence, owing to the frequent changes in the ministry, and of late has been much depressed by the long continued illness of its present pastor, Mr. McCraith; but as his health is greatly restored, and he has resumed his work, there is much hopefulness among Office-bearers and people. Indeed, there never was more good courage among them than now exists, and the congregation has begun to grow; it is two-thirds English. One fact was specially noted, that frequent as the changes had been in the pulpit, not one ministry had been without fruit. There seems to be in the congregation enough of material to form a band of efficient workers, and it is hoped that advantage will be taken of the present state of the congregation to organise such, with a view to aggressive efforts in the growing heathenism of the neighbourhood.

Smethwick.—This charge had its origin in the Mission school near his works, maintained by a valued Elder of Broad Street Church. There is now a sufficient Church with a schoolroom attached. The population is mainly engaged in ironworks, of which one belonged to James Watt, the inventor of the steam-engine. In the week-evening service of the Church several Office-bearers take turn with the Minister in addressing the meeting. Those trained in the Higher Instruction studies have taken good places in the examinations. The minister, Mr. Dalrymple, is Clerk of Presbytery and Chairman of the School Board.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—The charge here is placed in a population of which 20,000 are engaged in connection with the making and exporting of beer. There must be a good deal of drinking at home, when a lad gets an allowance of two pints a day, and an adult of from three to ten pints, with leave to take it home. There are many public-houses, and 'off licences' are granted also to cottagers. The making of beer is said to require Sunday labour, and a class of men, strangers to the town and without family ties, come for winter work, who, by their loose lives, bring down the moral tone of the place. There is a neat Church, to which has lately been added a schoolroom, with six classrooms for Sunday School work. There is a service for children previous to the usual week-evening service. Also 'Our own Society' is for 'social, intellectual, and spiritual good' among the young and their friends. The minister, Mr. Robertson, has been taking action against profane swearing in the streets.

DERBY.—This charge is twenty years old, but still enjoys the services of its first minister, the cultured Dr. Simpson. The Church is good, and has two halls attached. Here the visitors spent a Sunday and addressed the Sunday School and the excellent choir. In both these, the two Elders presently acting, take part. It is to be hoped that in this large and well-disposed town many more may yet be rallied round our Church. The Visitors were greatly interested in visiting on Monday morning at the breakfast hour the voluntary religious service which has been maintained daily for sixteen years at the Midland railway with an attendance of four hundred.

DUDLEY.—This charge would be discouraging to a minister who did not love Evangelistic work. There are said to be 30,000 in the town living in neglect of public worship; there is much poverty and ignorance; yet Mr. Hardie was honoured to add twenty-five to the membership of his church last year, who were gained by street preaching, and who stand fast. Of these one is a valued Office-bearer. A recent difference between two Office-bearers has resulted in serious injury to the finances and growth of the congregation. The devoted minister all the more deserves sympathy and support.

HANLEY.—The charge here is at the centre of the Potteries, with a teeming population in towns all round. The men take pleasure in dog fights and

rabbit races. The women drink much. Immorality has greatly increased, and marriage ties are sometimes severed without legal action. The minister, Mr. Crowe, has been more than a quarter of a century in office. The old Church was wholly destroyed by fire two years ago, and use is made of the school-house adjacent. Both the congregation and Sabbath School have suffered in consequence. Every effort is concentrated on raising funds for the new Church, which is in course of erection. Meantime, several agencies are suspended. It is to be hoped that the opening of the new Church will be accompanied by a new start in all kinds of missionary work, for which there is need.

LEICESTER.—The charge here is in a populous town, which has made rapid advance in population and prosperity; it is sometimes called 'the metropolis of dissent.' Very pleasing evidence of Evangelical activity is found in a network of thirty Biblewomen at work over the whole town under Non-conformist management. The Church here is spacious, and placed in a public thoroughfare, though not in a populous neighbourhood. A recent lengthened vacancy scattered the congregation, but they are rallying round Mr. Miller, their new minister. With two strong Unitarian congregations and Sunday secular lectures there is need for Evangelical work. It was pleasing to hear that the tract distributors of the congregation had on a Sunday evening brought in as many as twenty-five to join in public worship.

NOTTINGHAM.—This congregation, which is one-half English, was commenced in 1866, and has a fine Church, which was opened in 1870, in a commanding and central position. There is a large Lecture Hall, but a deficiency of class-rooms; it is proposed, however, to build additional rooms, for which there is ample space on the site. The congregation seems in a very healthy condition, and its organisation good and well worked. In addition to the usual Congregational School, admirably conducted, and a number of Bible-classes for young men and young women, a Mission Sunday School has lately been started with much prospect of usefulness, and the teachers and workers in both schools are members of the congregation. The young have a special portion in the morning service, every Lord's-day. While there is a very considerable amount of work carried on by the members and Office-bearers, it is evident that more systematic efforts might be put forth to reach the non-Church-goers, of whom there are so many in the town, and to stem the torrents of social immorality and drinking among the women, which prevail in Nottingham to a lamentable extent.

SHREWSBURY.—This charge is in a town not dependent on manufactures, but on agricultural labour around. In it, however, the number of public-houses seem very large. The Church is a fine building on a prominent central site. The congregation is small, and so, too, is the outfield on which missionary zeal could be spent. The minister, Mr. Wallace, shows special interest in teaching the young of the flock, and in training his people to sympathy with foreign missions. The town has a Workman's Institute, which is a pleasing monument of the labours of a vicar's wife, Mrs. Wightman, of 'Haste to the Rescue.'

STAFFORD.—The charge here is interesting from its origin in the ejection of the Rector in 1662. Part of the present Church dates from 1689. It never fell to Unitarianism through the faithfulness, in dark days, of single individuals. The population consists largely of shoemakers, many of whom avow infidel opinions. The Visitors heard of good done by a recent Gospel Temperance Mission, and found a series of Evangelistic meetings being held in the Church with large attendance and good results. The minister, Mr. Scammel, regrets that from the removal of the troops to Lichfield

Barracks he cannot serve them as he did. In the Young Men's Christian Association and in Temperance work he finds useful occupation.

WALSALL.—This is a comparatively new charge in a populous town. The Church is new and good, and the hall has attached to it three class-rooms and one infant-room. The congregation is not large, and has already lost two ministers from inadequate resources, which are still its drawback. The transference to this charge within a year of a minister of Mr. Cowan's experience fostered the hope of increase. He guides a guild of very poor boys, who meet on a week evening for Biblical and general instruction, and through them it is hoped that their parents may be reached. More aggressive work may be done if the minister feels encouraged to lead on those that are available for different departments of work. Indeed, such a charge to live must work.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—This is a lively and prosperous charge in a very large community. The buildings possessed by the congregation consist of church, manse, hall, and church-keeper's house, and all seem solid and handsome. The congregation is good, and is growing. A large amount of Mission work is done in a contiguous district by Office-bearers and others. There are large numbers in attendance on the Women's Missionary Association and Dorcas meetings. The Minister's Bible-classes have achieved marked distinction in the examinations on Higher Instruction studies. Mr. Rodger is an active member of the School Board, and of religious committees in town. He seems to have Office-bearers ready along with him to go forward in any good work commended to them.

WORCESTER.—The charge here is, as usually in Cathedral cities, overshadowed. The Church is handsome, but too large, and has ample ground around it for a hall, manse, &c. The congregation is not large, and does not seem in a lively condition. Mr. Henshelwood regards the Cathedral influence favourable to formalism as the prevailing type of religion, and discontinued Evangelistic work from fear of confusion with the ways of the Salvation Army.

The *Presbytery* in general would be much strengthened if more suitable Elders could be found, and if Managers could get closer to the members of the Church, to stir them to intelligent and liberal interest in all the Church's schemes. Too many Congregations omit to make all the annual Missionary Collections. Most of the Congregations might have much better attendance of Office-bearers and people at week-night services, and of the young at the classes for Higher Instruction studies. With such masses of non-Church-goers around, every Congregation should develop to the utmost the energy of its own workers, and add to their number. Interchange of pulpits more frequently might prove encouraging. Where means can be found, such agents as Missionaries, Bible-women, and Colporteurs should be brought on the field. Evangelistic services, as earnest, and more orderly, than those of the Salvation Army, might be a blessing. Above all, faith and prayer are needed in increased measure, here as elsewhere, to make Presbyterian services a blessing to the Midlands.

JOHN MATHESON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
W. S. WILKINSON.
ROBERT WALES.
WILLIAM FARQUHARSON.

11. VISITATION OF NORTHERN SECTION OF PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE.

FIRST GROUP.

Visited by Revs. R. H. LUNDIE, of Liverpool and J. T. McGAW, of Manchester, with Mr. THOMAS BELL, of London, Mr. W. S. WILKINSON, of Morpeth, and Mr. ROBERT AMOS, of Alnwick, from February 19th to March 3rd, 1885.

The Deputies visited for the Synod the Congregations of the Presbytery of Newcastle, specified below.

WALLSEND.—Our Church is the best attended of all the Churches in Wallsend. The Congregation is in a healthy condition. The old Church is very inconvenient and unattractive, there is no hall or large room of any description connected with it. A new Church is contemplated, a free site has been granted by a generous friend, and a commencement has been made with subscriptions. The enterprise deserves the warm support of the Church, the Congregation not containing men of wealth. Minister, Office-bearers, and people are united, energetic, and hopeful. The Office-bearers met the Visitors in good numbers, but owing to a mal-arrangement, there was no meeting of the Congregation. Mr. McGaw endeavoured to remedy this defect by addressing the people on the objects contemplated by the visitation, after divine service, conducted by him on the following Sunday morning.

NEWCASTLE: *Westmoreland Road*.—There is a good staff of Office-bearers, but their attendance was small on the occasion of our visit, and unfortunately, as in the last case, there was no Congregational meeting. We heard with interest of a proclamation by the magistrates against profanity, and we learnt with special satisfaction that, in the opinion of those present, there is a notable diminution of profane language among children, traceable, it is believed, in part to the salutary influence of the Board and National Schools under the Education Act. The assaults made on the sanctity of the Sabbath are serious. Excursion trains in summer to Tynemouth tempt many to forsake the house of God. Secular lectures of a high class on Sunday evenings are delivered in a large hall to crowded audiences. Some Church-going people are induced to attend them. A gallery of models is open upon Sundays, but is not largely attended. The Free Library is also open on the Lord's-day. One of the deputies took an opportunity of visiting it on his way to a Sabbath School in the afternoon, and found a number of lads chiefly engaged in examining 'Punch' and the pictorial magazines. There did not appear to be much reading at the time. Late shopping on Saturday nights is a great hindrance to Church-attendance. Betting is disastrously prevalent. Many occasions are found for it, as in horse-racing, dog-racing, boat-racing, pigeon-flying. With many, the one page of the newspaper which is eagerly studied is that which contains betting information. The part taken by the press in fostering the prevailing propensity to betting is open to grave censure.

Over against all this may be set the vigorous evangelistic work which is being conducted on a large scale under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. Helpers are furnished by the various Churches, and not a little real good is reported. It was also gratifying to learn that the magistrates are setting themselves steadfastly to the work of reducing the number of public-houses.

The information just given was generally confirmed on our visits to other Congregations, and need not find a separate place in the records of said visits.

In Westmoreland Road we found the whole Congregational organisation good, and Mission work at two centres energetically prosecuted. The Session keeps itself in close relations with the Sabbath Schools, by the appointment of an Elder monthly to visit them and report to the Session. A good many of the Sabbath School teachers are elders or managers, and nearly all are communicants.

John Knox Church.—A very cordial meeting. The congregation prospers. The most serious drawback to effective work is found in the absence of any hall (except a large vestry holding about sixty persons), in connection with the ecclesiastical buildings. In consequence of this the Sabbath School is held in the church. The *Friar's Mission* is carried on with great vigour and success by a zealous Missionary, assisted by a large band of effective workers. The Sunday School of the Mission is held in four different rooms. Its most striking feature is a men's class attended by eighty men and lads, and conducted by one of the Office-bearers of the Church. An excellent work among old and young is being done in the district. In some way or other, if this congregation is to make the best use of the materials at its command, it must supply itself with the additional accommodation required for the work it is now doing under disadvantage. Mr. McGaw preached to a large congregation on Sunday evening, and also visited the various departments of the Congregational and Mission Sunday Schools. His report was of the most favourable character.

Trinity.—A large, prosperous, well-worked and active congregation. Mr. Lundie enjoyed the opportunity of preaching on a Sabbath to a well-filled church, though sudden snow had fallen that morning. There is a large and active band of elders and deacons; work is done in all departments. The congregation labour under the disadvantage of having only a small, low roofed hall, under the church, altogether insufficient for the needs of such a congregation. The consequence of this is, that besides the Sabbath School which meets in said hall, a branch-school is conducted at some distance, viz. in Diana Street. Mr. Lundie visited both of these schools with much satisfaction. There is, besides these, a Mission Sabbath School and useful mission work carried on in Melbourne Street. There have been additions recently to the church-membership from the Mission, and changed lives have attested the reality of the work. A large Bible Class for both sexes is conducted at the close of the weekly service by the minister, who encourages questions to be put to him: the plan answers well. There is also on Friday evenings a well-attended service for the young. A plan is worthy of mention which has been found to serve a good purpose in helping strangers to feel at home, in introducing members of the flock to one another, and in giving all an opportunity of becoming acquainted with their minister. From time to time it is announced from the pulpit that an 'at home' will be held for two hours on a stated evening in the minister's house. As many as eighty sometimes attend on the same evening, and the ends desired are visibly promoted.

Heaton.—The occupations of the people are found in shipyards, engineering, quay-side work, and potteries which employ many females. Drunkenness, fighting, low and profane language among men and women are described as prevalent. The population fairly commanded by our Church is 35,000; the Church accommodation provided is roughly estimated at 3,000, of which about half is occupied. Even if Church accommodation and Church attendance should prove to be considerably under-estimated, a lamentable state of things is disclosed. The regularity of Church attendance among those who are connected with churches is seriously disturbed by Sunday

work at the quay-side, and by a good deal of night work of various kinds. Our congregation occupies a good hall, which accommodates nearly 200, and is only partially occupied. The Sunday School and Band of Hope are pretty flourishing; the proportion of Sunday School teachers who are communicants is smaller than usual. As reported to us, no collection is ever made for any scheme of the Church, except, of course, the Sustentation Fund. There is obviously room and need in Heaton for earnest and extended Mission work. The congregation requires the close and fostering care of the Presbytery. It possesses a good freehold site for a church, to be built when the congregation shall have grown strong enough.

BLYTH: Bridge Street.—The town of Blyth has a population of 13,000. Its religious condition is not high. In contrast to what we heard in reference to the diminution of profanity among the young in Newcastle, profanity and coarse language are said to be on the increase in Blyth among boys and girls. The explanation is sought in the importation of a rough class of men into the town for shipbuilding. Our Bridge Street congregation has suffered from various causes, and is weak. The Church attendance is reported at 45 in the morning and 90 in the evening. Throughout the town the superiority of evening to morning attendance is notable. The Deputies suggested a conference between the Office-bearers of the two Blyth congregations and others on this subject, especially with a view to the earlier closing of shops on Saturday evening. The Communion Roll is revised once in about two years. The number of communicants at the last revision was 96. There is no stated weekly service in church or hall, but an itinerating weekly service in houses of members in different parts of the town. The disadvantage of this plan is that it does not make provision for those in the congregation who relish, or might be taught to relish, regular worship during the week at a stated place. As regards finance, the congregation of course contributes to the Sustentation Fund. With this exception nothing is given to any of the schemes of the Church. The members are not wealthy, but they should be allowed an opportunity of giving what their hearts might prompt to missions at home and abroad, and to other work to which the whole Church stands pledged. There are about 100 scholars in the Sabbath School, which was found by Mr. Lundie, who had the opportunity of visiting it, to be going on satisfactorily. Bridge Street furnishes an exception to the rule which we found prevailing in the Presbytery as to teachers, inasmuch as the majority of them were reported to be non-communicants. Mr. Lundie preached in the forenoon to a congregation of about 100 people, old and young.

Waterloo Road.—This congregation is vacant at present; yet it is vigorous and fruitful. Excellent mission work is carried on by the congregation, a separate Communion Roll being kept at the Mission Station. The Sabbath Schools are in a high state of efficiency, the teachers being largely, as we were told, their 'own growing,' scholars having developed into teachers. Mr. Lundie preached on a Sabbath evening to a full church. He had also the opportunity of visiting two of the three Sabbath Schools, and joining in a meeting for prayer, of the united teachers of two of the schools. The visit was full of refreshment. The congregational Sabbath School meets in the old and abandoned church, ill-suited for preaching, but admirably adapted for Sabbath School purposes. There is a large and earnest staff of tract distributors, and good temperance work is done among the young. It is difficult to understand how a congregation so vigorous and living should last year have left absolutely blank the six columns representing the six schemes in the financial tables of our Church. The Deputies have reason to think that this will not occur again.

WALKER.—Met with all the Office-bearers except one, who was detained

by sickness. Had also a good meeting of the congregation. Progress satisfactory. There is much need for Evangelistic effort among the mining, shipbuilding, and engineering population. Congregational agencies are fairly active. Mission work is carried on in one of the most needy districts. It is a sign of congregational life that the work of the Young Men's Christian Association is largely carried on by elders and members of the congregation. Mr. Lundie preached here on a Sabbath evening to a good congregation.

STAMFORDHAM.—(Visited by Mr. R. Amos alone.) An old church dating from the year 1662. It was formerly connected with the Established Church of Scotland. The property is leasehold, and the nature of the tenure needs to be looked into. The population is rural and limited, and as there are places of worship belonging to the Church of England, the Wesleyans, and the Roman Catholics, besides our own, there is little scope for growth at the centre of operations. But the minister with praiseworthy activity carries on mission-work at two stations distant three miles from one another, and each of them seven miles from Stamfordham. Service is conducted in the afternoon on alternate Sabbaths in these two stations by the minister, between his own morning and evening services at Stamfordham. At one of the stations, viz. Black Callerton, Mr. Amos had the opportunity of being present with the minister, when sixty or seventy persons attended. An interesting meeting was held at the close of the service with the helpers in the work. A Band of Hope with forty members has been established there. The attendance at the other station, Ponteland, is reported to average about fifty. These efforts have resulted in drawing back into the membership of the Church not a few who had lapsed or were lapsing. The rooms used at these stations are very insufficient, yet an attendance not much smaller than that of the parent church is obtained at each of these distant points. It appears that a third station, did the strength and time of the young minister admit of it, might be added at another hamlet where there are a number of those formerly connected with the Presbyterian Church. The effort above explained is highly creditable to the young minister, who deserves all encouragement in his work. The suggestion occurs, whether in rural districts this method of Evangelisation and church-extension should not be more employed, and also the inquiry in what way help, when needed, may be most effectually rendered.

BELLINGHAM.—(Visited by Mr. Thomas Bell alone on a Sabbath.) The day was tempestuous and the congregation much smaller than usual. The average attendance in the forenoon is 150 and in the evening 40. The minister generally conducts services on Sabbath afternoons at the outlying hamlets. Such services are valued, but rather interfere with attendance at the central church. All the Sabbath School teachers are Church members. The inhabitants are generally a church-going people, and there is a fair supply of church accommodation for the district, which includes about 1,400 souls. A desire was expressed for Evangelistic Services. This is a place where occasional visits of Elders deputed by the Presbytery would be of advantage.

WARK.—(Visited by Mr. Thomas Bell alone on a Sabbath.) There is here a beautiful little church, with manse adjoining, the gift of our generous friend, G. B. Bruce, Esq. The church seats 150 persons. As the population of the district amounts to only about 500, this accommodation is sufficient for the Presbyterian people. The inhabitants are chiefly of the agricultural and pastoral class. The minister conducts a service every Sabbath afternoon at one of the neighbouring hamlets, not without some injury to church attendance at Wark. There is scarcely room for a weekly prayer-meeting; but occasional cottage-meetings are held in different parts

of the district. The minister of the congregation is disabled ; his place has been well supplied, temporarily, but it is felt that a permanent arrangement must soon be made, or the flock is likely to suffer serious loss.

FALSTONE.—(Visited by Mr. Thomas Bell alone.) Falstone and Kielder, though eleven miles apart, are regarded as virtually one congregation. The population are agricultural, pastoral, and mining. Sobriety and morality generally are reported to be on the increase. The population served does not exceed 1,000, and is decreasing. The church-buildings at both centres are sufficient and are well availed of. The congregation is known to have existed in 1709, but tradition speaks of an earlier origin and of visits to the people by Peden and other Covenanters. The distance to be traversed each Lord's-day from Falstone to Kielder involves the expenditure of strength and time on the part of the minister, and diminishes opportunity for Sabbath Bible-classes, &c. Could a system of paid Evangelists be organised to work along with ministers in such rural charges as this and the others last mentioned ?

Memoranda, General.—In this group it is desirable that all the congregations should be brought into line as regards the support of the Synod's schemes. Close oversight by the Presbytery for a time would probably go far to secure this end. As regards Sabbath Schools the International system of lessons is very generally used and valued. In some cases stated and more frequent visitation of the schools by the minister would be advantageous, and would help to keep up a sense of common interest and warm sympathy between him and the workers of his flock. The system of examination under the Instruction of Youth Scheme appears to have but slight hold upon the group. As regards Family Worship, the replies given were necessarily indefinite, but usually indicated the fear that it has declined, and in many cases that it is by no means general in our congregations. The value of Evangelistic work organised and superintended by the Church was made very apparent to the Deputies. There was pretty general testimony that while the Salvation Army and similar agencies had been useful in reclaiming some of the drunken and degraded, their influence was low and declining within the district. Congregational missions were generally regarded as yielding more permanent and satisfactory fruit, of which there was evidence in substantial additions to the membership of churches.

Memoranda, Newcastle City.—There is a loud call for Church-extension in the Jesmond district. There has of late years been a rapid growth of population, for the most part well to do, and the only local supply of ordinances as yet provided is by one Episcopal and one Wesleyan Church. It may be doubted if this state of matters in Jesmond could find a parallel in any other great town of England. Our Church has ample strength to meet the occasion, and should not allow the opportunity to slip while the field remains almost unoccupied. Whether the planting of a Jesmond church could best be done by an entirely new movement, or by the removal of one church from the over-supplied centre of Newcastle, is a question which it is not for the Deputies but for the Presbytery to determine. The subject has occupied the thoughts of ministers and elders in Newcastle, and was warmly commended to the consideration of the Presbytery at the Conference held with the Presbytery at the close of the visitation. Some of the central churches are conspicuously deficient in halls and attached rooms, which are essential for carrying on congregational work with full efficiency. This defect would of course be remedied by any congregation removing its resting-place to Jesmond. In the direction of Scotswood, also, there appears to be call and room for a new church.

Memorandum, Blyth.—The Union has given us two churches in this town,

where it is not clear that the work might not be done with more spirit and success by one. On any good opportunity occurring this question should be carefully considered. If both charges are to remain, the best care of the Presbytery should be extended to the weaker of the two.

At the close of the visitation the Deputies held, with a full meeting of Presbytery, a Conference, which was altogether satisfactory. Their views and suggestions were most kindly received, and your Deputies cannot doubt that good will result in several directions. A Public Meeting, to which members of all our congregations were invited, was held in Blakett Street Church, and was attended by most of the Deputies. This formed a fitting close to the pleasant, and it is hoped not unfruitful labours of the Visitors.

The Deputies lay down their commission with a lively sense of the kind welcome accorded to them, and the frank confidence reposed in them.

R. H. LUNDIE.
J. T. McGAW.
T. BELL.

R. AMOS.
W. S. WILKINSON.

SECOND GROUP.

Visited by Revs. ROBERT TAYLOR, of London, and Dr. GROSART, of Blackburn, with Mr. JAMES GOODMAN, of London, from 19th February to March 3rd, 1885.

It may serve some useful purposes if we preface our brief report of the several Congregations visited by us by a statement of some facts and conclusions, to which our inquiries have conducted us, bearing on the district and the Congregations as a whole.

With regard to the city of Newcastle, and the teeming population of Tyneside generally, it may be said that, as in all other great industrial centres, there is a large and growing multitude self-excluded from the influence and fellowship of the Church of Christ. Among this class, especially, though by no means limited to it, intemperance and betting prevail to a lamentable extent. Betting, indeed, was represented as being the curse of the working-classes on Tyneside. We were assured, however, that the members and adherents of our Churches may be regarded as uncontaminated by it. It was gratifying to gather from the unanimous testimony of those with whom we held conference, that the tide of temperance sentiment had for some years been steadily rising in the whole district, and that there was promise of a great and growing improvement in this respect in the habits and homes of the people.

We found that recent ecclesiastical changes in Newcastle were supposed to have somewhat increased the energy and the prestige of the Established Church, while at the same time the so-called 'High Church' development, with the exclusiveness it fosters, due to the changes referred to, had made the position of our Church more important, and widened, in various ways, her field of influence and usefulness.

While rejoicing in the position which our Church holds in and around Newcastle, from the number and character of her members, and the ability, devotedness, and public spirit of many of her Ministers and other Office-bearers, we were impressed with the conviction that if she is to be worthy of herself she must do more to follow her own members and the growing population to new districts. We concur in what appeared to be

a general opinion that some redistribution and dispersion of Churches, now clustered too thickly in the centre of the city, will be necessary to any scheme of extension which is at the same time to consolidate and to enlarge our Church in Newcastle.

With regard to the Congregations visited by us, we cannot state too strongly the satisfaction we had in our intercourse with their Ministers and Office-bearers. We were in every case most cordially received; our many inquiries were frankly and fully answered; any suggestions we had to offer were most courteously considered, and we had constant evidence that the spirit and purpose of the Synod in appointing such deputations were clearly apprehended and heartily appreciated. Without saying that we did not find some things, in most Congregations, in which improvement should be aimed at, we can conscientiously affirm that we were not only pleased but surprised at the disciplined efficiency with which the work is generally conducted; and some of us at least felt that we had a great deal more to learn from the brethren we visited than we had to impart to them. At the same time we trust that our close and prayerful conferences with brethren, in the Master's presence, and depending on His grace, may have issued not only in stimulating and encouraging for the time, but in leading both us and them to wiser methods and to completer consecration in doing the work of our Church and of her Lord.

The two Ministers who subscribe this report desire to say that, to their great regret, and to the loss of the Congregations, for more than half of their time they had no Elder with them. The very admirable assistance they derived from the esteemed Elder associated with them at the commencement of their work made it a subject of daily disappointment that he, or some one of kindred spirit, was not with them to the close. Mr. Francis Johnston, of Liverpool, was prevented by illness from taking any part in the work.

NEWCASTLE: *Blackett Street Church*.—Owing to a misunderstanding, no meeting of this Congregation was convened on the evening of our conference. But we had a large gathering of Office-bearers; and one of us occupied the pulpit on the morning of the following Lord's-day. This, as is well known, is a large and earnest Congregation of some 600 members and 35 Office-bearers. The work in all its departments is well organised and vigorously prosecuted. There is a Congregational Mission in a needy district, with a Missionary and Bible-woman; three large Sabbath Schools are connected with the Church, and a flourishing Band of Hope. The Session meets every Lord's-day evening to make up the roll of the sick, and both Minister and Elders keep kind and constant watch over all the members of the flock. We found here the health and usefulness which may be expected where 'prayer and pains' are combined with good judgment and genuine ability in the work of the Lord. We may note that we learned incidentally that some valuable accessions had been recently made to this Congregation, owing to the High Church influences at work in their neighbourhood.

Barras Bridge is also a large, active, and growing Congregation. It was touching and pleasant to meet the aged and honoured Minister, who, after more than fifty years of faithful and hearty service, is still able to go in and out among his people, associated with a young Pastor who knows how to honour the hoary head, and who himself largely enjoys the love he does not grudge to his venerable colleague, and freely gives to all. We had a large

meeting of Office-bearers. There was no meeting of the Congregation, owing to the misunderstanding referred to in the preceding report. But here, as in Blackett Street, one of the deputies preached on the Lord's-day to a large congregation. There was a cheering hopefulness of tone among the Office-bearers here, due to the manifest health and growth of the Congregation. The Session consists of 15 members, each Elder having a district which he periodically visits. Here, as in Blackett Street, the Elders meet informally for consultation every Lord's-day after the evening service. There are two Sabbath Schools, Congregational and Mission, with over 40 teachers. In connection with the Mission School, free Sunday breakfasts were given during winter, with good results. The Minister's Bible Class, the Band of Hope, Missionary Society, and other institutions are all in a thriving condition. A week of special services was being arranged at the time of our visit. We cannot doubt, from all we saw and heard, that this Congregation will, by the Divine blessing, continue to increase both in numbers and in usefulness.

St. George's, though it has excellent buildings, is somewhat disadvantageously situated in a *cul-de-sac*, out of the public eye, and cut off by high walls from an adjoining populous district. There are 9 Elders and 15 Managers; 322 members on the roll; a Congregational Sabbath School of 134, with 18 teachers, nearly all members of the Church; a Missionary Society, a successful Band of Hope, and Young Men's Society. The Congregation is spread over a wide area, and the Sabbath morning attendance is in consequence not altogether satisfactory. There is no district Mission work, strictly so-called, but the Congregation may in some respects be regarded as a Mission Church. The various agencies appear to be in good working order, the members are duly visited, the Minister devoting an unusually large portion of time from week to week to this part of his work. We had a fair representation of the Congregation at our meeting after our conference with the Office-bearers. But the week-evening meetings of the Congregations, with one or two exceptions, showed but a small representation of the membership. Unless larger and more live gatherings of Congregations are to be got, it seems almost a waste of force to send two or three deputies night after night.

NORTH SHIELDS: Howard Street.—This is one of our oldest Congregations, having been founded by an ejected minister in 1662. But with its venerable age it combines the energy and vigour of youth. There are 9 Elders and 12 deacons, 336 members; a Sabbath School with 26 teachers and 220 scholars; a large Young Men's Bible Class; and a flourishing branch of the 'Women's Missionary Association.' There is a large proportion of young people in the Congregation. No district mission work is carried on; but the work all round is done with much judgment, steadiness, and order, and will prove to be substantial and stable. In common with most of our Congregations, this compact and well-ordered Church will reap yet larger blessing when it is able to throw itself more fully, with prayerful sympathy, upon the careless at its own doors.

Northumberland Square.—Though not so old as the Howard Street Church, this Congregation counts over a hundred years. The membership is a little under, and the Sabbath attendance a little over that of the sister Church. The young minister gives himself wholly to his work, conducting classes and meetings nearly every evening. There are 11 Elders and 12 Managers. The Sabbath School, Bible Class, and Band of Hope are numerously attended, and conducted with energy and success. A Dorcas Society makes clothing for the poor of the Church and district. A Bible-woman is employed; there are fourteen district visitors; and a more commodious room is being provided for the Home Mission work. This was one of the few places where the attendance at the weekly service was reported

as being satisfactory. We specially noted that the Office-bearers themselves were said to attend well. A very hopeful spirit prevails here; and we are well assured that the blessing of the Lord is prospering the work and the souls of the workers at the same time.

WILLINGTON QUAY.—The population here, chiefly employed in shipbuilding, is about 5,000. The Congregation consists of 140 members. There is a nice bright church, seated for 350, with excellent accommodation for Sabbath School. The Sabbath attendance is good, being about 200 in the morning and considerably more in the evening. There are only 3 Elders—each representing one of the three divisions of the United Kingdom—and 12 Managers. The Sabbath School has 240 scholars with 23 teachers. The work here is carried on in an admirable spirit, and with much efficiency. It was specially delightful to us to find ministers, little known to the Church at large, diligent in their business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. It is an evidence of the good work done here, and of the blessing which rests on it, that during the past year of great depression in the principal industry of the district, the Congregation held its own both in numbers and resources. It may be worth while to record that the Office-bearers mentioned with great regret that their Congregation had never been visited by a foreign missionary. Altogether, we were most favourably impressed by the work done by the Minister of this Church and his Office-bearers and other workers.

NEWCASTLE: *Erskine Church*.—This Church, seated for 360, has a membership of 182; and an average attendance on the Lord's-day of 180 in the morning and 120 in the evening. There are 9 Elders and 19 Managers, some of whom are Elders. There is a Congregational and a Mission Sunday School, the former having an average attendance of 150. A Mission work is carried on in the neighbourhood of the Church by some of the members and Office-bearers; a service being held on Sabbath evening at the same time as the Church service. This Mission was originated, and is maintained and conducted by a society, without being recognised by the Session as such, though individual members take part in it. As might be expected in such circumstances, there is a want of complete confidence and cordiality between the society and the Session. We are satisfied that nothing would tend more to revive and invigorate this Congregation, which has many of the elements of spiritual efficiency, than the complete union of its Office-bearers as such and its earnest Christian workers in the work they have both so much at heart.

HEXHAM.—This is one of our oldest Congregations; a 'Scotch Church,' which at one time divided the Presbyterian cause in the place, having become extinct some years ago. The Church buildings are exceptionally good. The Church, which has been recently decorated, is bright and attractive. The lecture-hall behind is commodious; and over it there are nearly a dozen small rooms, so that each class in the Sabbath School meets separately. The Sabbath School is large and admirably conducted under the superintendence of Mr. Dodds, one of the Elders. The membership is scattered over a wide district, but the work of visitation is most assiduously done; the Minister himself calling quarterly upon all the members, numbering 201, with their communion cards. There is an excellent staff of Office-bearers and Sabbath School teachers; and altogether the work of a Christian Church is carried on here with much order and great spirit; and our Church, represented as she is, in her best features, evidently commands a highly respected and influential position in the town and district.

GOSFORTH.—The Congregation here is small; and the present condition of the district does not encourage the hope of much enlargement. The Minister and his Office-bearers appear somewhat despondent, and feel as if

they were left rather isolated in the struggle with the difficulties of their position. We cannot doubt, however, that if the able young Minister is led to throw his whole strength into the work, and with his excellent Office-bearers to organise the working power of the Congregation, they will evoke the sympathy of which they feel the want at present, invigorate their own spiritual life, and secure, by God's blessing, a fair measure of success.

SEATON BURN.—This small but not unimportant outpost of our Church, in a village which, with the district round, has a population of about 1,500, is ably and faithfully held. The experienced Minister and his godly Office-bearers are supported by a good staff of Sabbath School teachers. There are 101 members, and a Sabbath School of 150. The spirit is good, and the work on the whole goes on hopefully.

ROBERT TAYLOR.
A. B. GROSART.
JAMES GOODMAN.

APPENDIX B.

REORGANISATION AND RULES.

I. DRAFT SCHEME OF PROPOSED REORGANISATION OF COMMITTEE.

I. That, without interfering in any way with the rights, powers, and jurisdiction of the Presbyteries, the Home Mission Work of the Church be conducted in future by a General Committee, to be called the General Home Mission Committee, together with three District Boards, to be called District Home Mission Boards.

II. That with this view the Presbyteries of the Church be grouped in three districts as follows:—

1. The Southern District to embrace—

	Members.
The Presbytery of London with 79 congregations .	15,688
„ „ Bristol „ 8 „ .	1,334
	<u>87</u>
	<u>17,022</u>

2. The North-Western and Midland District to embrace—

The Presbytery of Liverpool with 31 congregations .	9,900
„ „ Manchester „ 30 „ .	5,499
„ „ Carlisle „ 13 „ .	1,872
„ „ Birmingham „ 15 „ .	1,719
	<u>89</u>
	<u>18,990</u>

3. The North-Eastern District to embrace—

The Presbytery of Newcastle with 43 congregations .	11,062
„ „ Northumberland „ 24 „ .	4,222
„ „ Berwick „ 16 „ .	4,087
„ „ Darlington „ 20 „ .	3,040
	<u>103</u>
	<u>22,411</u>

III. That the General Home Mission Committee shall consist of eighteen members, appointed by the Synod (whom the Selection Committee shall be instructed to nominate in future in equal proportions from the three Districts named, and with special regard to fitness), one-third to retire annually after the third year, but to be eligible for re-election ; together with the Presbytery representatives.

IV. That each District Board shall consist of the six local members of the General Home Mission Committee synodically appointed ; of an equal number of the Presbytery representatives, specially designated to this duty by the respective Presbyteries ; and of such number of local associates, not fewer than twelve, as the twelve thus directly appointed shall deem it advisable to add to their number from the membership of the Church within the District ; such Boards to meet monthly, or more frequently, in such localities as may be found desirable. Further, that the number to be specially designated by the several Presbyteries for their respective District Boards shall be meanwhile—

1. Southern District—London, 5 ; Bristol, 1 ; total, 6.
2. North-Western and Midland—Liverpool, 2 ; Manchester, 2 ; Carlisle, 1 ; Birmingham, 1 ; total, 6.
3. North-Eastern—Newcastle, 3 ; Northumberland, 1 ; Berwick, 1 ; Darlington, 1 ; total, 6.

V. That the convener of the General Home Mission Committee shall be appointed as heretofore by the Synod, but that each District Board shall elect its own chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer, for local purposes.

VI. That the duty of the General Home Mission Committee shall be generally to watch over the interests of the Church as a whole in the department of Home Mission Work ; and for this purpose the Committee shall meet once a quarter with the other synodical committees :—

- (1) To receive reports from the District Boards ;
- (2) To call attention, when necessary, to any serious divergence of practice on the part of any District Board ;
- (3) To receive and dispose of appeals that may be taken against any decision of the District Board by a minority of the same after dissent duly taken ;
- (4) To make suggestions as to the initiation of new enterprises in the Districts which District Boards may have overlooked ;
- (5) To consider suggestions and information given by the District Boards as to the policy to be followed in Home Mission and Church Extension Work in the Church at large ; and—
- (6) To allocate to the District Boards legacies not specially designated, and any other funds accruing for general Home Mission objects.

The General Committee shall also make the necessary arrangements for the visitation of Presbyteries by the Synod Deputies, as this may be from time to time appointed by the Synod, and also for the presentation of their reports, the expense of the visitation being chargeable on the Funds of the Districts within which respectively the visitation is made.

VII. That each District Board shall initiate and superintend Home Mission, Church Extension, Church Building, and Evangelistic Work,

in co-operation with the Presbyteries of the bounds, and shall raise and administer funds for these objects within its own district, under rules to be approved by the Synod—it being understood that the relation of the Presbyteries to the District Board shall be similar to and stand in lieu of that now existing between the Presbytery and the Home Mission Committee. Further, that each District Board shall receive from the several Presbyteries within its bounds reports in regard to the Evangelistic work done throughout the year.

VIII. That each local Treasurer shall send the funds raised by the District Board to the Financial Secretary of the Church, who shall keep a distinct account for each district. Congregational contributions to be remitted direct to the Church Offices as heretofore. The Treasurership Committee to distribute the funds on the order of the several District Boards, and to assign to each its share of the General Expenses.

IX. That District Boards shall submit their minutes at each meeting of the General Committee, together with a report of their work during the preceding quarter, and shall also submit to the March meeting a digest of the reports of the various Presbyteries in regard to Evangelistic Work done within their respective bounds.

X. That the General Home Mission Committee shall present one report to the Synod, including the substance of the annual reports of the several District Boards.

II. PROPOSED REVISION OF RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUNDS.

A. GENERAL FUND.

1. *Department of Church Extension.*

1. That the concurrence of the District Board be required before a Presbytery opens any new Station requiring aid, or takes any step towards its erection into a regular charge.

2. That applications for aid be made to the District Board, by means of schedules so constructed that the answers to the questions put shall furnish in each case full information in regard to the nature, position, and prospects of the enterprise for which assistance is sought, together with an extract Minute of the Presbytery within whose bounds the Congregation is situated, stating that the case has been carefully inquired into, and that the application is, in the judgment of the Presbytery, in all respects one which the Board ought to entertain; further, that all schedules be required to be in the hands of the local Secretary at least a fortnight before the meeting of the Board.

3. That such schedules shall each contain a question as to the period within which the Congregation is likely to become self-supporting, and that assistance be ordinarily given from the Home Mission Fund only in cases in which the answer to that question is perfectly satisfactory.

4. That while, for the convenience of any Congregation prepared to call a Minister, the District Board may indicate a maximum scale of grants to be contemplated so far as necessary in any particular case,

extending over a short term of years, dating from the settlement of the Minister, they shall not be held bound for the continuance of the grant, or for any specific amount in any given year, apart from due consideration of the position and requirements of the particular Congregation year by year, as shown in their statement of accounts and otherwise.

5. That every aided Congregation shall be required to furnish the District Board with an annual statement of accounts in the beginning of each year, duly attested by the Presbytery of the bounds.

2. *Department of Evangelistic Work.*

1. That financial assistance shall be furnished in the following cases, viz. :—

(1.) In aid of regular Congregations situated in poor and densely peopled districts, and doing effective evangelistic work, such cases, however, to be taken up with great deliberation, and, if possible, in connection with strong Congregations capable of giving substantial help, the grant not to exceed £50 per annum.

(2.) In aid of preaching stations under regular Presbyterial supervision but not likely to develop rapidly or at all into regular Congregations, the grant in no case to exceed £40 per annum.

(3.) In aid of Congregational Missions likely to develop ultimately into regular preaching stations and Congregations, grants not to exceed £30 in any given year.

(4.) In aid of a Congregation employing a Student or Probationer in systematic evangelistic work, the grant not to exceed £20 in amount, nor half the total salary paid.

(5.) In connection with Special Evangelistic Services, the District Board providing half the expense incurred by Congregations in this way where assistance is deemed necessary and the amount sought reasonable, it being required that when the sum to be asked from the Home Mission Fund is likely to exceed £5, the Presbytery of the bounds shall be consulted before the movement is initiated.

2. That all applications be made by means of schedules with Presbyterial attestation and recommendation after full inquiry, and containing specific information in regard to the character and results of the evangelistic work on the ground of which the application is made; such schedules to be in the hands of the Local Secretary at least a fortnight before the meeting of the District Board.

3. That a statement of accounts, duly attested by the Presbytery of the bounds, shall be furnished in the beginning of each year to the District Board by all preaching stations and Congregations receiving grants under sub-sections I. (1) and (2).

B. CHURCH BUILDING AND DEBT EXTINCTION FUND.

I. That the following general rules shall apply to all Church Building enterprises aided from this fund :—

1. That the specific points which shall principally be considered in making grants be the following, viz. :—Sufficiency of accommodation (including separate provision for Sabbath Schools), substantial construc-

tion and appropriate appearance of the building, adequate acoustics and ventilation, moderate cost, liberality of promoters, eligibility of site, satisfactory tenure, extent of population, deficiency of other evangelical provision.

2. That applications be made by means of schedules furnished by the District Board, and accompanied in each case with an extract Minute of the Presbytery within whose bounds the congregation is situated, stating that the application has been carefully inquired into, and is, in the judgment of the Presbytery, in all respects one which the Board ought to entertain. Further, that such schedules must be in the hands of the Local Secretary at least a fortnight before its meeting.

3. That there be also submitted to the District Board for their approval:—

- (a) The plan of the proposed site, drawn on a scale of 16 feet to 1 inch, showing any surrounding buildings that may affect the lighting or ventilation of the intended Church.
- (b) The ground-plan, gallery-plan, front and side elevations, and one longitudinal and two transverse sections of the intended Church, Lecture Hall, class-rooms, session-house, and minister's vestry, all on a scale of 8 feet to 1 inch, and having all dimensions duly marked.

N.B.—Congregations proposing to erect Churches, for which aid will be asked from the public Funds, are required to take counsel with the District Board at the very outset (before committing themselves to any architect or scheme) in regard to methods of procedure.

4. That no Church be eligible for pecuniary aid if the contract has been signed and the works commenced prior to such examination and approval of drawings by the District Board.

5. That the estimated cost must include boundary walls, lighting, heating, ventilation, and all fees (to solicitor, architect, surveyor, or others), so as to embrace the total amount of the ultimate outlay.

6. That no grant shall be regarded as finally made till there shall have been submitted to the District Board an approved tender with copy of the specifications and contract, showing that the works will be completed within the estimated cost.

7. That grants may be made in suitable cases towards the purchase of Churches, provided the conditions prescribed in Rule (1) are fully met.

8. That every grant made shall be on the distinct understanding that no mortgage shall be taken on the site, Church, or Lecture Hall; and that should such a step at any subsequent time seem necessary, the sanction of the Presbytery and District Board must first be obtained, which shall only be given on condition of the repayment of so much of the grant as shall have been already paid.

9. That a trust-deed be prepared and signed in accordance with the Synod's model-deed, and submitted to the District Board for approval prior to the payment of the first portion of the grant.

10. That in case of any important departure, without the previous

consent of the District Board, from the plans and specifications approved by them, or in the event of the violation of these rules, the grant shall be forfeited.

11. That if the works be not commenced within one year from the date at which a grant is voted, such grant shall lapse, but that a renewed application may be made.

12. That it be understood that the receivers of a grant for a Church shall abstain from personal application to subscribers to this fund, residing beyond the bounds of the District within which said Church is situated, a list of such subscribers being furnished if desired by the General Committee.

II. That aid shall be given in two general classes of cases.

Class A. Church extension enterprises.

Class B. Congregations of older standing in which aid is needed in the necessary rebuilding of Churches, in the reconstruction or improvement of the Church property, or in the extinction of debt on the same.

III. That the following rules shall regulate the grants of the District Boards in these two classes of cases respectively :—

CLASS A.

1. That the District Board shall make grants according to their judgment of the circumstances and requirements of each case, but that in no case shall a grant be made exceeding £750.

2. That the *maximum* grant shall only be given in cases where the proposed Church is likely to prove a centre of extensive Christian agency.

3. That no grant shall be made where the entire cost of the Church, Lecture Hall, class-rooms, and minister's vestry (exclusive of site) shall exceed £5,000, unless in cases where there are more than 600 sittings, but that in such cases the cost must not exceed £8 per sitting exclusive of site.

4. That the grants made by the District Boards be paid as follows, viz. :—One-half when half of the entire estimated cost, including site and every probable outlay (less the grant), shall have been actually received by the Congregational Treasurer; another quarter when three-fourths of the estimated cost (less the grant) shall have been so received; and the remaining quarter when seven-eighths of the entire actual cost (less the grant) shall have been so received.

N.B.—It will not be sufficient that the amount required shall have been *subscribed*, but it must have been actually *received*, and a certificate to that effect furnished to the District Board, along with a statement of the exact position of the Church Building Account.

CLASS B.

1. That the *maximum* grant be £250 in gift, with, in special cases, a *loan*, which, however, shall in no case exceed £250.

2. That in such cases the grant (whether of loan or gift, or both) shall bear proportion, on the one hand, to the cost of the building, and,

on the other, to the amount likely to accrue from the sale of the former building (if any).

3. That payment of grants shall be arranged so as to secure that the Congregations aided are raising satisfactorily their own proportion of the amount needed ; that no money shall in any case be advanced, either in gift or loan, till the building shall have been completed ; and that a loan shall in no case be made payable till at least three-fourths of the actual cost of the Church and connected buildings shall have been otherwise raised, and a certificate to that effect, together with a full statement of account, furnished to the Committee.

4. That no grant shall be made for the re-building of a Church where the title deeds are not satisfactory, or where the entire cost of the Church and connected buildings (exclusive of site) shall exceed £5,000, unless where there are more than 600 sittings, but that in such cases the cost must not exceed £8 per sitting.

5. That where loans are given without interest the following rules be strictly observed, viz. :—

- (a) That loans be advanced on personal security only, and repayable without interest in one or more sums as may be agreed upon, the general plan being for the loans to be returned in equal annual instalments not exceeding five.

[The usual form of note is as follows :—

(Place.)	(Date.)
One (or more) years after date we jointly and severally	
promise to pay A B C, or order	pounds
for value received on loan from the Church Building Fund	
of the Presbyterian Church of England.	
Payable at	} Signed
Bank]

These notes must be written on stamped paper, and signed by from four to eight persons approved by the Board (deacons, managers, trustees, or others), the address of each signer to be added, and also the name and address of the Banker to whom the note, when due, may be presented for payment.

- (b) That if the loan be not applied for within one year of the date at which the grant is made, such grant shall lapse, but a renewed application may be made.

IV.
REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.					<i>Station.</i>
* Rev. George Smith, M.A.	...	...	arrived in China,	1857.	Swatow.
" W. S. Swanson...	...	...	"	1860.	Amoy.
" H. L. Mackenzie, M.A.	...	...	"	1860.	Swatow.
* " W. Macgregor, M.A.	...	...	"	1864.	Amoy.
* " William Duffus	...	...	"	1869.	Swatow.
" William Campbell	...	...	"	1871.	Formosa.
" John C. Gibson, M.A.	...	...	"	1874.	Swatow.
" Thomas Barclay, M.A.	...	...	"	1874.	Formosa.
" Henry Thompson	...	...	"	1877.	Amoy.
■ " Donald MacIver, M.A.	...	...	"	1879.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
" John Watson, M.A.	...	...	"	1880.	Amoy.
" William Thow, M.A.	...	...	"	1880.	Formosa.
" J. A. B. Cook	...	...	"	1881.	Singapore.
" A. L. MacLeish, M.A., M.B.	...	...	"	1881.	Amoy.
■ " Wm. Riddel, M.A., M.B.	...	...	"	1881.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
" James Main, M.A.	...	...	"	1882.	Formosa.
" W. R. Thompson, B.A.	...	...	"	1882.	Formosa.

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

James L. Maxwell, M.D., Ed.	...	...	arrived in China,	1863.	Formosa.
Peter Anderson, L.R.C.S. and P., Ed.	...	...	"	1878.	Formosa.
* Alexander Lyall, M.B., C.M.	...	...	"	1879.	Swatow.
David Grant, M.B., C.M.	...	...	"	1880.	Amoy.
* John F. McPhun, M.B., C.M.	...	...	"	1882.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
Philip B. Cousland, M.B., Ed.	...	...	"	1883.	Chao- chow-foo.

MISSIONARY TEACHERS.

Mr. William Paton	...	...	arrived in China,	1881.	Swatow.
Mr. George Ede	...	...	"	1883.	Formosa.

* Salary paid by the Auxiliary Association in Scotland.

NOTE.—Rev. W. S. Swanson and Rev. William Duffus are at present in this country.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MISSIONARIES.

Miss C. M. Ricketts	...	...	...	arrived in China, 1878.	Swatow.
Miss Georgina MacLagan	...	...	...	„	1882. Amoy.
Miss Caroline Mann	...	...	...	„	1883. Swatow.
Miss Bessie Scott	...	...	...	„	1883. Swatow.
Miss E. Black	...	...	...	„	1885.

NATIVE EVANGELISTS.—30 at Amoy, 12 at Swatow, and 31 at Formosa.

STUDENTS.—10 at Amoy, 18 at Swatow, and 6 at Formosa.

STATIONS.

DISTRICT OF AMOY.

(For Map, see page 775.)

Eight Stations organised as Churches—viz., E-mung-kang, Pechuia, Bay-pay, Khiboey, Liong-bun-si, Anhui, Kio-lai, and Chin-chew.

Twenty-four Stations not yet organised as Churches—Yu-boey-kio, Peh-chioh, Koan-jim, Koan-kio, Aw-sai, Liong-kay, Liong-nia, Siong-see, Tin-hai, Phu-kiong, Tung-kio, Ta-ying, Kang-khau, Gaw-chay, Pan-to, Aw-pow, Sian-oan, Chang-poo, Khoe-a-bay, Kak-chioh, Ban-an, Tang-chioh, Tang-pi, and Chim-ho.

DISTRICT OF SWATOW.

(For Map, see page 777.)

Seven Hok-lo Stations organised as Churches—viz., Swatow, Yam-tsau, Phu-soa, Chia-na, Kia-kung, Mi-ow, and Sin-hü.

Thirteen Hok-lo Stations not yet organised as Churches—viz., Chao-chow-foo, Ung-kng, Tat-hau-pow, Chao-yang, Toa-ua, Kong-pheng, Pang-khau, Kieh-yang, Kway-tham, Na-thau, Sua-mng-sia, Au-kang, Tsau-phou, Tong-kung, and Gu-kak-ti.

Three organised Hak-ka Congregations—viz., Ng-yun-thung, Ho-pho, and Ng-kang-phu.

Six Hak-ka Stations not yet organised as Churches—viz., Foi-tshai, Shong-sa, Lo-hai, Ho-thyen, Sin-thyen, Thong-hang-shui, and Thai-pu.

ISLAND OF FORMOSA.

(For Map, see page 781.)

Tai-wan District—One Station amongst Chinese, viz., Taiwanfoo.

Four Stations amongst the Pe-po Hoan, viz., Bak-sa, Kam-a-na, Kong-a-na, and Poah-bay.

Hong-soa District—Twelve Stations amongst Chinese—viz., Pi-thau, Ta-kao, Tang-kang, Tek-a-kha, Taw-kun-eng, A-kau, A-li-kang, Iam-paw, Ka-la-paw, Kio-a-thau, Lau-chhu-tsng, and Lombay Island.

One Station amongst the Hak-ka Chinese—viz., Lam-gan.

Ka-gi District—One Station amongst Chinese—viz., Ka-gi.

Four Stations amongst Pe-po Hoan—viz., Giam-cheng, Ka-poa-soa, Than-sia, and Hoan-a-chhan.

Chiang-hoa District—Five Stations amongst the Sek-hoan—viz., Toa-sia, Aw-gu-lan, Toa-lam, Gu-khun-soa, and Paw-sia city.

East Coast.—Three Stations amongst the Pe-po Hoan, viz., Chim-kong-o, Tak-kai, and Chioh-pai.

SINGAPORE.

Three Stations—Bukit Timah, Pongul, and Hong-lim-chhi.

The Foreign Missions Committee have now to lay before the Synod their thirty-seventh Annual Report. In some respects this has been an eventful year in the history of the work of our Church in China. The dark cloud of war has gathered over the country, and its baleful effects have been more or less felt at all our centres. The outbreak of hostilities with France gave rise to excitement and alarm all over the Empire, and the wildest rumours produced confusion and distress. The anti-foreign party gathered strength and came into power. This quarrel was to them the very occasion for disturbing every Western interest in the Empire; and as a necessary consequence the native Christians, from their connection with the aggressive foreigners, were exposed to severe trial and grievous persecution. The war was carried by the French from Tonquin to the coast of China, and this only intensified the excitement and increased the difficulties of the situation.

So violent was the excitement that at one time the gravest anxiety was felt regarding the present and the future of our work. The French operations were principally carried on in South China and Formosa, but the excitement spread beyond these limits; and from North to South each mail brought us tidings of chapels destroyed, native Christians beaten and pillaged, and some even persecuted to the death.

Our own Mission has suffered, but yet less severely than others. The blow, so far as the mainland is concerned, fell most heavily on our Swatow centre. For a time the aspect there was most threatening, and our brethren there were kept in a state of extreme tension and anxiety. Amidst all this, we have to thank God for the way in which what seemed to be only dire disaster has been used for the highest good. Our Missionaries testify that the result of these troubles has been the strengthening and welding together of the native Church. They have not gone down in the face of these grievous troubles. They have nobly stood firm against the shock; and in many cases have taken joyfully the spoiling of their goods for their love to Christ and His Gospel. A remarkable spirit of liberal giving for the purpose of helping persecuted native Christians has been evoked; and so far as the native Church is concerned this wave has passed over her and left her stronger than ever. The steadfastness and fidelity of Chinese Christians in the face of this fiery trial has been acknowledged in quarters where at one time they were more suspected than trusted.

Another result has been noticed in this Swatow region. The Chinese authorities and people are now beginning to distinguish the different nationalities of the West and to act upon this distinction.

At our Amoy centre we have not to record the same active persecution. The disturbing effects of rumour and alarm were, however, widely felt. In abject panic thousands fled from the coast to the interior, impelled to this course as much by fear of a rising on the part of the lawless and rough class of their own countrymen, as by fear of the French. In a Mission like ours, where the work is so purely inland, a

stop was for a time put to the visitation of churches and stations, and the extension of the work. Dr. Grant was obliged to withdraw for a short time from Chin-chew and to leave his hospital and other work in the hands of the native agents. But this was only for a time; and by latest accounts the work at the Amoy centre was being carried on in all its departments.

But most heavily of all in one particular have these troubles been felt by our Mission in South Formosa. The French fleet have now for more than three months been blockading the two ports of Tai-wan-foo and Ta-kao, and it was feared they might land and hold these places. In these circumstances it was absolutely necessary that the ladies and children should, along with some of the missionaries, remove to Amoy. In accordance with this resolution Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Anderson and her child, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Ede, with their wives and children, left for Formosa and took up their abode in Amoy. Mr. Barclay was on the mainland when the resolution to remove was taken. Shortly after this Dr. Maxwell was called to Amoy on account of the serious illness of his wife. While he was there the blockade was declared, and the way closed against his return. Dr. Anderson and Mr. Thow are still in Formosa, and are nobly and cheerfully abiding there; and are by their presence and work strengthening and encouraging the native Christians. This serious interruption to the work in Formosa the Committee most deeply regret; and they earnestly commend this part of our field to the sympathy and prayers of the whole Church.

In North Formosa our Canadian brethren have been forced to leave their work. The excitement against the Christians there has been most violent. Two at least of them have been foully murdered, many others have been abused and robbed, and some of the best chapels in that part of the island have been destroyed.

This state of matters in China we most deeply deplore. No one can predict what the outcome may be. Your Committee lament the outbreak and the weary continuance of the quarrel. They feel that grave difficulties are connected with the question; and while they hope and believe that the final result will be a further opening up of the whole Empire to the Gospel, they, at the same time, cannot but feel that, if the reactionary or anti-foreign spirit were to carry everything before it, every Western interest in China, and the best interests of China herself, would be jeopardised.

The Committee have again to report a serious lack of funds to meet all their responsibilities. They regret to report that they close the year with a debit balance of more than £3,000. This state of matters has not arisen from any falling off in the contributions of the Church. The funds, so far as congregations are concerned, have been well and steadily maintained, having increased forty-seven per cent. since 1880; and the Committee feel deeply thankful for the loyalty the Church continues to show to this great work. But some years ago your Committee, with the concurrence of the Synod, were led to assume increased responsibilities in China, and these involved an increase of expenditure. Our success involves and calls us to the maintenance and extension of this work; but at present the Committee feel they cannot incur increased expenditure. They have taken steps in conjunction with, and at the suggestion

of, some of the missionaries on the field to bring down the expenditure to the lowest limit consistent with maintaining the work with some efficiency. They feel they cannot incur the anxiety of facing a state of finance that leaves them annually struggling with a large balance against them. And further, they have every reason to hope that the measures taken will soon equalise revenue and expenditure.

The staff on the field during the year has undergone some changes. Mr. and Mrs. Duffus, with their children, arrived at home in April; and after the usual furlough Mr. Duffus means to return to Swatow. Your Committee at last meeting of Synod were anxious about the health of the Rev. James Main; and as no improvement was taking place, Mr. Main was forced to return to this country. He was accompanied on the voyage by the Rev. Mr. McGregor, who most kindly cared for him. Mr. McGregor has again returned to Amoy, where his presence and work are so highly valued. On his way out he was accompanied by Miss E. Black, who has been sent to Swatow by the Women's Missionary Association. It will be in the recollection of the Synod that the Rev. R. Gordon was most reluctantly forced to leave Amoy on account of his health. He is now completely restored, but much to his regret he was authoritatively advised not to return to the East. He decided then to seek for work at home, and is now comfortably settled over the Free Church of Scotland congregation at Pluscarden. The Committee cannot part with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon without recording their deep sense of the loss the Mission has sustained through their retirement from the work they loved so well, and in which they so successfully and faithfully laboured, and their wish for continued and increasing blessing on them in their new and important sphere.

Their resignation makes it absolutely necessary at once to get an ordained missionary for Amoy, and your Committee are taking the necessary steps in this direction.

Statistics of Mission for Year 1884.

	Communicants, Dec. 31, 1883.	Adults baptised in 1884.	Admitted to Com- munion, having been baptised in infancy.	Received by Certificate.	Restored to Communion.	Suspended in 1884.	Excommunicated in 1884.	Died in 1884.	Gone elsewhere.	Communicants, Dec. 31, 1884.	Children baptised in 1884.	Total baptised children.	Members under suspension.	Total membership— adults and children
Amoy	737	38	7	1	3	11	—	18	—	757	34	530	68	1355
Swatow {	Hok-lo 748	76	5	2	4	15	—	28	3	791	36	248	65	1004
	Hak-ka 174	25	—	2	1	6	—	2	5	191	9	58	20	264
Formosa	1195	122	—	—	25	32	2	64	1	1317	117	600	108	2025
Singapore.....	41	2	2	12	—	7	—	—	—	41	1	24	11	84
Totals	2854	159	14	17	33	71	2	112	7	3105	197	1464	272	4737

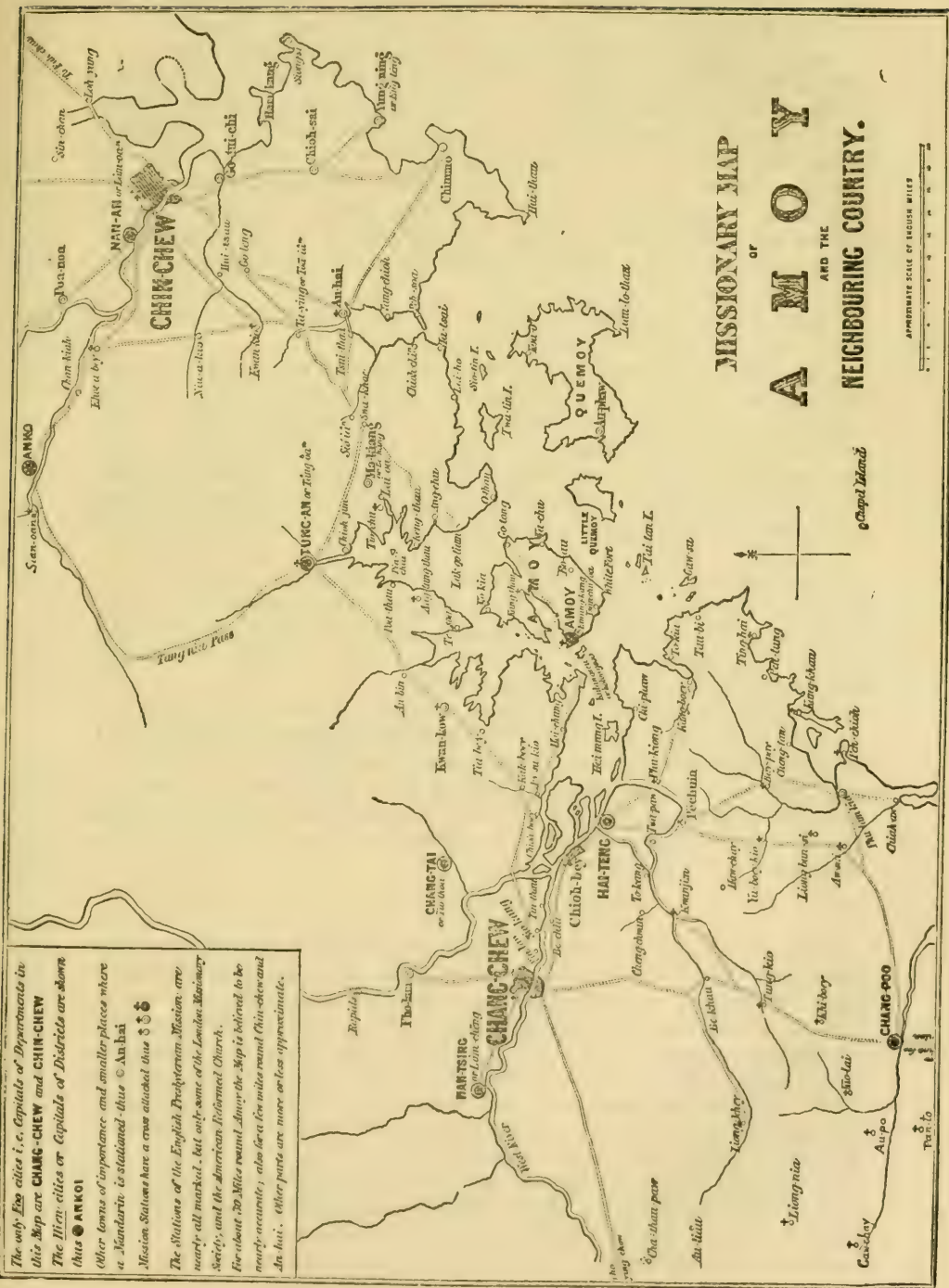
AMOY.

In last year's Report the Committee drew the attention of the Church to the exceptionally weak state of the staff at Amoy; and they cannot but draw attention to this matter again. The Rev. H. Thompson and his wife and family have returned on furlough, and the staff is thus still further reduced. Mr. McGregor and Mr. Watson are now the only acting ordained missionaries at this centre, and the testimony of one who is not a member of the Amoy staff is that they have to face work that would tax the energy of ten men. During the enforced absence of the Formosa missionaries they have rendered to our Amoy brethren invaluable aid when it was most urgently needed. Dr. Maxwell for some weeks took charge during Dr. Grant's illness of the work at Chin-chew, Mr. Barclay is assisting in the College, Mr. Campbell is busy in visiting the Churches and stations; and in these and other ways the other Formosa brethren are helping the sorely overtaxed missionaries at Amoy. Your Committee feel that were it not for the attention that has from the first been given at Amoy to the training of agents, and which has given the Amoy Mission a most able and efficient staff of pastors and preachers, the large and important work there could never have been carried on as it has been. At the same time, they are sensible that a burden is being borne by the Amoy brethren far too heavy for them to bear. They are now diligently looking out for a man of the right stamp to send out to Amoy.

The Rev. Henry Thompson in the Report of last year's work refers with thankfulness to the fact that although cholera was raging all over the district, the members of the Mission have been brought safely through another year. In Chin-chew Dr. Grant was laid down with a virulent fever, and for some time grave anxiety was felt regarding him. The newly-erected telegraph line was used by Mr. Campbell, who was at the time in the neighbourhood, and Dr. Maxwell was speedily at his brother's side. Through his skilful treatment and the unwearying kindness of the assistants at Chin-chew, Dr. Grant recovered. He is now in his usual health and strength, and fully engaged in his work. Mr. Thompson points out that this illness brings still more strongly before us the desirability of having a colleague with Dr. Grant in Chin-chew. With only two ordained missionaries in Amoy, and one of these Mr. McGregor, in charge of the College, it is impossible for one of them to be often in Chin-chew.

The general work of the Mission has been carried on with the usual success. The number of those admitted to Communion is the same as in the previous year. There is encouragement in the fact that of those received seven had been baptised in infancy.

The troubles in the important district city of Chang-pu have acted injuriously on the work in all the southern quarter of the Amoy Mission. The chapel there has again been plundered, the title-deed is kept by the magistrate, and the poor landlord is still in prison. No redress has hitherto been got. The native agents who were beaten are again at



work; but these unredressed grievances tend to rouse opponents all over the district, and to paralyse the efforts of the native church.

In the northern part of this field Mr. Thompson reports that there is much to gladden their hearts. The work of the Chin-chew Hospital is telling all over the region. A new station has been opened at the populous town of Chim-ho, about twenty miles to the north-east of Anhui. If only men were available for the work five or six stations might be opened. Poa-noa, a large village on the northern branch of the Chin-chew river, is regarded as a most promising place for beginning work. Around it there are many who would gladly come if a place was opened for Christian worship. These received their first impressions at the hospital in Chin-chew.

The work in this hospital is carried on with increasing ardour and success by Dr. Grant and his assistants.

The hospital at Amoy, under charge of Dr. MacLeish, is now in full working order, and good and telling work is being done in it. On dispensing days there is an attendance of sixty to eighty patients. The resident preacher and others carry on the Evangelistic department; and the women are visited and spoken to by Miss MacLagan, of our Women's Missionary Association, and by Mrs. Kip and Miss Talmage, of the American Reformed Mission. All these speak cheerfully and hopefully of their work.

The Training College has at present ten students. The work here up till July was carried on under the able superintendence of Mr. McGregor. In his absence the missionaries did what they could to carry it on. Latterly, they have had the valuable aid of Mr. Barclay and other brethren of the Formosa Mission.

The Middle School has at present seventeen students on its roll.

The Committee feel thankful that notwithstanding the short-handedness of this their oldest centre in China the work in all its departments is so healthy and prosperous. They desire to sympathise with their brethren whose hopes of reinforcement have so long been deferred, and they trust the great Head of the Church will soon give them a suitable man for this field.

SWATOW.

The remarkable progress our Mission at Swatow has of late years made is to the Committee a source of great and unceasing thankfulness. At present the staff (including the Hak-ka Mission) in connection with Swatow is six ordained and three medical missionaries, one missionary teacher, and three agents of the Women's Missionary Association. Every institution fitted to further the progress of the work is to be found here in great efficiency. The Evangelistic work, the superintendence of churches and stations, the Hospital work, the Training College, the Middle School, Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the Biblewomen's Institute, are carried on with unremitting energy and zeal. And in addition to all these there is the printing press, under the able superintendence of Mr. Gibson, which last year turned out a large amount of printed matter most helpful to the Mission, and in a style that would do credit to similar establishments at home.



This centre is ever a busy scene ; and the results of all this activity are what might have been expected from the men at work and the methods employed. For God has abundantly blessed this the second (in point of time) established centre of the operations of our Church in China. It has grown from a small and struggling beginning, Mr. Burns breaking ground, and Mr. Smith toiling on for some time alone, but resolute and hopeful. Twenty-four years ago Mr. Mackenzie went from Amoy to join him ; and on and on, this work has gone until it has reached its present dimensions. There are now two centres in this region—one at Swatow, for those speaking the Tie-chiu dialect, and the other away sixty miles to the north-west at Ng-kang-phu, for the Hak-kas.

Who would have thought that in the comparatively short space of time, and with the weak-handed staff that for many years had to struggle on, there would have been such blessed results as we have now to record ? A tract of country with a radius of 150 miles at least has been again and again visited by our missionaries and their native helpers, and is now to a wonderful extent dotted over with stations and churches. Dr. Lechler, the honoured father of the Basle Mission at Hong-Kong, was the first missionary at Swatow. He is still alive, and lately visited the region. He speaks with the deepest thankfulness of all he saw ; and contrasting the present with the condition of things when nearly forty years ago he laboured there, says he could hardly have conceived that such a blessed change could in the time and circumstances have been produced. And it is by such reviews we learn the immense strides missionary work is making in China.

In its operations this Mission now almost touches the work of the Basle Mission to the south and west, while to the north and east it has been pressing on to meet the Amoy work of the Church, the Amoy brethren all the time stretching out to meet and touch hands with Swatow. The junction has at length been made ; and an unbroken line of stations now covers the country from Chim-ho, away far to the north-east of Amoy to Kway-tham, five days' journey to the south-west of Swatow, a line of more than four hundred miles. Who would have dared twenty-five years ago to predict that even this would have been accomplished ? And this is not all, for the work has gone from Swatow on the coast away into the heart of the country, and in such force that a second centre is established amongst the Hak-kas of this inland region. And these are but beginnings, and yet beginnings full of hope ; for every new foothold gained is so much vantage ground for further advance within and beyond the present bounds.

And the year that has gone has not been the least successful in this history of Swatow. The work in all its departments has been actively prosecuted ; and although much tribulation has been endured, yet manifold blessed results have followed.

At one time during the past year the excitement caused by the French troubles threatened grievous injury to the Church, and the brethren were kept in sore perplexity and distraction. Incited by the 'gentry,' so-called, a mob attacked our little Church in Kong-pheng, a place five or six days' journey to the south of Swatow. After destroying this building they pillaged seven or eight houses of converts, abused

and beat the preacher, and committed other atrocities. This was soon afterwards followed by similar acts of violence and outrage at Kieh-yang, a town much nearer Swatow. For a time the missionaries were in great anxiety, so much so that Mr. Mackenzie says:—‘We are thankful for every day that passes without bad news.’ In the latter case redress has been got from the Chinese magistrates, but in the former these cruel wrongs are still unredressed. The Christians have borne themselves nobly through it. There has been no flinching in the day of trouble. The immediate wants of those so spoiled and plundered have been supplied by the generous liberality of their fellow-Christians. The latest accounts are reassuring, the excitement for the present seems to have passed away, and the work is being carried on uninterruptedly and peacefully.

The hospital work at Swatow, in charge of Dr. Lyall, one of the most devoted and successful missionaries China has ever seen, is a prominent and powerful factor. Its operations, Medical and Evangelistic, are carried on with success. It has been a most potent auxiliary to every department of work; and the well-known ability and outstanding Christian devotion of its present superintendent have kept it in the first rank of such institutions.

The city of Chao-chow-foo still remains closed, so far as acquiring suitable premises is concerned. Dr. Cousland has thus been unable to begin systematically the work to which he was sent. He has visited the city during the year, and has treated patients within its walls. But the generally disturbed state of the country during the year has made it impossible to procure suitable premises.

The Theological College had eighteen students during the past year; but from the fact that some who enter the College do not pass on to active work, and from the demands of a field so wide, it is felt that a larger number of students is required.

The Middle School is reported by Mr. Paton to be in a flourishing condition, and is annually sending up its quota of men to the College.

The number added to the communion of the Church during the year has been seventy-eight adults and thirty-six children. Of the adults twenty persons received their first impression in the hospital.

THE HAK-KA MISSION.

This Mission, whose centre, Ng-kang-plu, is far inland from Swatow, is the last planted by the agents of the Church in China. It is not the least interesting and flourishing. Its unique position away in the hill country and far from a treaty port gives an interest of a special kind. Our brethren and sisters are alone and isolated. They are cheerful and happy and resolute; and God is abundantly showing them that their labour is not in vain.

The French war has brought to them less trouble than to any other of our centres. Calmly and quietly they have carried on the work of consolidation and extension.

In the important city of Thai-pu a station has been established; and three men have been received into Church membership, the first-fruits of the work in that city. Efforts were made to get a footing also in

Yung-ting city; but for the present these have failed, the agitation against the missionaries being excited as always by the so-called 'literati.'

The *College* work is steadily maintained. There is a resident native tutor, who is able and efficient. The teaching is in the hands of Mr. MacIver and Dr. Riddel. The students, whose conduct and proficiency are most creditable, are engaged in preaching at the stations almost every week. This College work is regarded as of the last importance, because the great want of the Mission at present is a good and efficient staff of trained preachers.

During the year a Middle School has been started, and into this institution has been drafted a number of the most promising boys, who have already been two or three years at one or other of the Congregational Schools.

A dispensary has been opened, and the number of cases during the year has been 2,390. The accommodation for in-patients is very limited. The average number of these has been from twelve to fifteen. Upwards of sixty opium smokers have come desiring to be cured of their pernicious habit, and the treatment employed was successful in fifty of these.

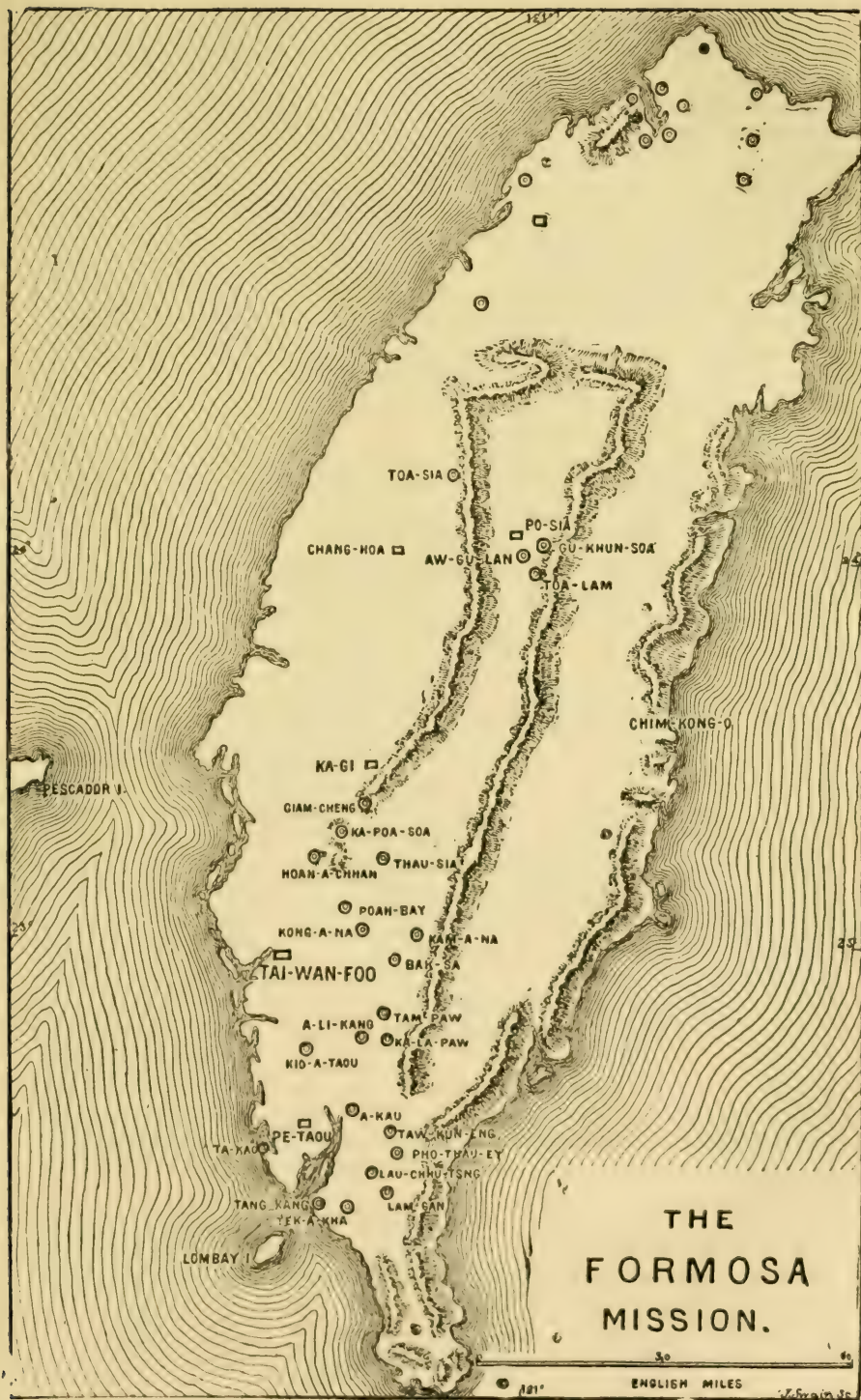
Mrs. Riddel's influence and teaching are telling most remarkably on the women. She conducts a class of twelve women every Sunday; and every week-day, except Saturday, she meets six of these women, and spends an hour in instructing them. The marked kindness of these women to each other, and their anxiety to lead others to a knowledge of the Saviour, have been a great comfort and encouragement to the missionaries.

An outstanding and most happy event has been Mr. MacIver's marriage to Miss Murray, who for years wrought as an agent of the Women's Missionary Association in Formosa. Mrs. MacIver's presence and work in the Mission must be a great blessing; and the Committee are assured, from what they know of her spirit and work in Formosa, that she will prove a real blessing to this Hak-ka Mission.

FORMOSA.

This year in Formosa began in peculiarly happy and favourable circumstances—in circumstances specially promising. The Mission had been largely reinforced, and Dr. Maxwell's unexpected return to his old field was most gratefully welcomed by the missionaries and the native brethren. Suitable dwelling-houses had been erected, an iron house sent out from Britain was set up, and has proved to be well adapted for the climate and conditions of South Formosa, a ladies' residence and a girls' school had been built; and so far as outward equipment was concerned there was only one want, and that—agents for the Women's Missionary Association; and these were soon to be forthcoming. The Mission staff at the beginning of the year had five ordained, two medical missionaries, one missionary teacher, and two lady missionaries.

Greatly encouraged and invigorated by these circumstances, the



mission was welded for a new and still more vigorous advance, and your Committee were confidently expecting a year of consolidation and progress. But the first shadow was cast over all this bright prospect by the serious change in Mr. Main's health. He was recovering, and every hope was being entertained that he would soon be as well and strong as ever. These hopes were disappointed. Dr. Maxwell, with unwearied and rare devotion, cared for him. It was seen, however, that Mr. Main must leave for home. Early in the year the Mission had also to part with Mrs. Ritchie and Miss Murray. The former has returned to this country, and Miss Murray is now the wife of Mr. MacIver of our Hak-ka Mission. Then the French troubles began. The northern ports of the island—Keelung and Tamsui—were bombarded, and the Canadian missionaries were obliged to abandon their work. The French fleet came south, and our work was at once interrupted. Our brethren, with the exception of Dr. Anderson and Mr. Thow, along with the ladies and children, are now in Amoy.

But up to the time of their enforced departure work was carried on with great vigour, and lines were laid for still further development in every department. The first work undertaken was a thorough visitation and inspection of the churches and stations.

Dr. Maxwell soon after his arrival spent some weeks among the Churches in the hill country beyond Tai-wan-foo. He found his presence and efforts among these to be necessary and salutary. He returned thankful and hopeful; and although he did not find such marked progress as there might have been, yet when the whole case was considered he found more than enough to cheer and encourage.

About the same time Mr. Barclay and Mr. Thow were engaged in similar work among the Churches and station to the south of Tai-wan-foo. In the course of their visit they gave special attention to enforcing increased liberality in regard to the duty and privilege of self-support.

On Dr. Maxwell's return from his tour of visitation Dr. Anderson proceeded to visit the stations that are furthest from the centre. These are away several days' journey to the north of Tai-wan-foo. Dr. Anderson spent five weeks in this quarter, and returned refreshed and hopeful from all he saw there. In the Toa-sia and Po-sia districts he reports abundant life and progress, the great desideratum in his opinion being 'more thorough Christian instruction.'

The College work was also fairly begun, and was being well sustained. The hospital under Dr. Anderson, and during his absence under Dr. Maxwell, maintained its old place and power. A printing press brought from home by Mr. Barclay was a further equipment of the Mission, and much was hoped from it. Mr. Thompson was getting into work, and Mr. Ede was busily engaged in the study of the language.

On this busy scene came the blight of these French troubles, with the result as already stated. The work of the Mission was thus rudely interrupted, and the prospects of its speedy resumption are at present anything but bright.

By latest accounts the brethren on the island, Dr. Anderson and Mr. Thow, are well; and, notwithstanding their isolated position, are

cheerful and strong. Hospital work is in full swing; and in regard to it a most gratifying fact has just come to the knowledge of the Committee. The Governor of Formosa has been so impressed with the benefits some of his own troops have received within its walls that he has sent Dr. Anderson the handsome sum of \$200 as his contribution to its support.

The Committee desire to commend to the prayerful sympathy of the Synod and the whole Church the present state and prospects of the Formosa Mission. They confidently expect that the deepest sympathy will be felt with the two brethren still on the island, and with the brethren and sisters on the mainland, who are eagerly praying and longing for a speedy return to their much-loved work.

SINGAPORE.

There are three stations under Mr. Cook's charge—Singapore, Bukit Timah, and Pongul. At the close of 1883 there were 41 persons in all in full communion. The gain during the past year has been 16—12 Church members from China and 4 received for the first time. Up till this time Mr. Cook's work has lain in the line of cutting off lapsed and unsatisfactory members from the Church, who, although they had the nominal connection, were yet only a source of weakness and injury. This painful work had to be faced, and faced resolutely; and now that the ground is comparatively clear, the Committee hope that Mr. Cook's labours will be both pleasant and successful.

The members of the Church at these stations have manifested a laudable spirit of liberality in the way of supporting Gospel ordinances among themselves. There seems to be great warmth and zeal exhibited by them. Mr. Cook writes hopefully and cheerily regarding his work among them, and its prospects for the future.

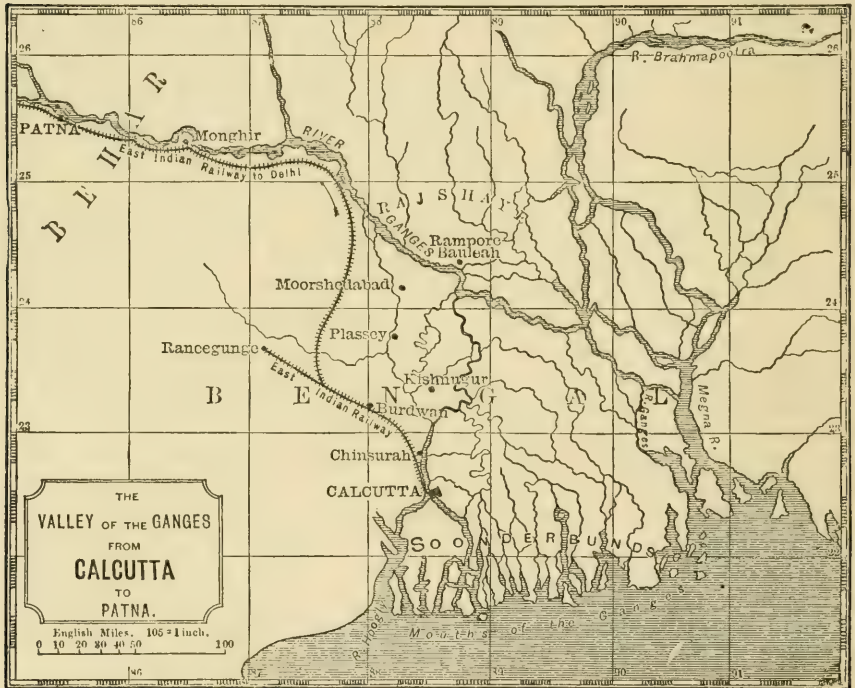
In the districts of Johor and Muar there are 100,000 Chinese, most readily accessible and untouched as yet by any Protestant Mission. The Rajah of Johor, who some years ago visited this country, has most generously given, in a most eligible place, a piece of land to our Mission. Mr. Cook is deeply impressed with the importance of having work begun in these districts; and, if the means were forthcoming, work could be initiated at once. It is a real trial to our missionary to see such a field open and ready, and yet be unable to enter upon it.

INDIA.

STATION.—RAMPORE BAULEAH, IN THE DISTRICT OF RAJSHAYE, BENGAL.

Medical Missionary—DONALD MORISON, ESQ., M.D., assisted by SHEETOL BABOO, and other Native helpers and teachers.

Zenana Missionaries—MRS. MORISON, MISS BAYLY, MISS SYMINGTON.



Rampore Bauleah on the banks of the Ganges is the chief town of the district of Rajshaye. The town has a population of 23,000, of whom about one-half are Mohammedans and the other half Hindoos. The district contains over one million and a quarter, of whom two-thirds are Mohammedans and one-third Hindoos, distributed among 4,200 villages, and among these the only Christian work carried on is that by our own Mission. The Mission accommodation consists of a small church, a European and a native manse, and in the bazaar of the town a Mission hall and dispensary, to which is to be added shortly a girls' school.

During the year 1884 Dr. and Mrs. Morison have been at home on furlough. A complete breakdown in health after a five years' residence

compelled him to leave India in the spring of 1883. They arrived in time to attend the Synod of that year in London, and they were present at that of the following year in Liverpool. There and at various meetings, public and private, they endeared themselves to all by their zeal in the Mission cause, and by their spirituality and simplicity in narrating their experience; and they were privileged to raise up many friends to the Mission wherever they went. They returned to India with their two youngest children on October 18, arriving at Rampore Bauleah on December 1.

In India the medical work ceased during his absence, but the rest of the Mission work was superintended by Miss Bayly, the Zenana Missionary, with the help of the postmaster of the town, a native Christian taught by Dr. Duff, who generously offered his services. On Dr. Morison's return he found all going on well, and a few days afterwards he had the joy of baptising a young Hindoo. Three weeks later this convert went forth with Sheetol Baboo the evangelist on a Mission tour among the villages, 'without purse or scrip.' It is hoped that this method of evangelising may be greatly blessed of God, and become the ordinary mode of procedure in the future. There is a greater readiness to hear the Word now, and though caste is still strong among the Hindoos it is slowly giving way. Since Dr. Morison's return he has been chiefly occupied with setting things in order, superintending repairs, and making plans for future work in this extensive Mission field.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

H. M. MATHESON,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 920.]

APPENDIX.

SIXTH REPORT OF THE

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The events of the past year have not been such as we had looked for, but the Lord has been very gracious to us, giving us some unexpected benefits, and showing His faithfulness in preserving His saints in times of trial.

War and rumours of war have hindered the visible progress of our work in Formosa, though the erection of the girls' school and ladies' house at Tai-wan-foo has been completed. But, even through these clouds, the sun has shone forth.

Despite present persecution and the apprehension of worse to come, the Chinese converts have remained steadfast, enduring as seeing Him who is invisible, and thus giving glory to Him in the presence of their heathen brethren.

During the past year Miss Eleanor Black has been appointed to work in China, and has gone thither. Miss Annie Butler would have accompanied Miss Black, but was prevented by the dangerous illness of her father.

Mrs. Ritchie returned to England last summer: a deep debt of gratitude is due to her for what she has done in Formosa.

Miss Murray's marriage to the Rev. Donald MacIver in October last has deprived us of her direct help, but we know that the zeal and earnestness which characterised her work at Tai-wan-foo remain unabated. It is a comfort that what we lose for Formosa our friends gain for the Hak-ka country.

Miss Symington was appointed in November to mission work at Rampore Bauleah, in Bengal, and tidings have been received of her safe arrival there. Mrs. Morison (who has returned to Rampore Bauleah) kindly visited many of our Congregational Associations during the year, and her encouraging and valuable addresses were highly appreciated. Our Association continues to be greatly indebted to the wives of the missionaries of our Church for their devoted labours in the girls' schools, &c.

The death of Mrs. Buchanan, who so kindly supported the girls' school at Swatow for many years, has somewhat altered its circumstances. Our Committee has therefore agreed to provide any additional funds which may be needed for the yearly expenses of the school.

Swatow.—Miss Ricketts hopes to be able to remain for another year, if possible. We trust that the Lord may grant to the Mission this much to be desired blessing. Miss Mann has been enabled to surmount the initial difficulties of climate and language. Letters have been received (dated January 20, 1885) from the Swatow Mission Council, saying that Miss Scott is returning with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson on February 3, 'as the medical opinion holds out no definite hope of such restoration of health as will enable Miss Scott to carry on here the work for which she came.' They also express 'very great regret, both on personal grounds and in view of the interests of the Mission, at the prospect of parting with Miss Scott,' and offer her 'their hearty sympathy in this severe trial.'

We give the following Report, sent by Miss Ricketts.

Report of the third year's work with the Biblewomen, from November 1883 to December 1884:—

The autumn session of 1883 commenced on the very day that Miss Mann and Miss Scott arrived in Swatow (November 26). I was unable to commence earlier, because I had employed the cold weather in visiting Ng-kang-phu and Miⁿ-ou. I visited 10 villages from Mi-ow, and in these 33 families. At Dr. Riddel's station I visited nearly all the members with Mrs. Riddel, and some 10 villages outside in the valley; here I visited 14 families. On this journey I was alone, except in returning to Swatow, when I took my old Hak-ka Biblewoman down with me. I travelled some 63 miles by chair, and about 95 by boat, in all about 158 miles.

On January 23 I again started for Ng-kang-phu with Miss Mann (see 'Our Sisters,' No. XXII.). Here we visited 7 villages, and had a grand reception at the house of the great man of the village, by name Gèk-lau.

On February 15 I again started with Miss Mann to visit the Northern stations (this visit is given in full in No. XXII. of 'Our Sisters'). From

this visit we were hastily recalled to watch by Miss Scott and take our turns in sitting up at night, and since then we have been unable to go to the country, on account of disturbances, at the time we should have been free to go. I started for Che-foo on August 20, and returned about October 12. I must have contracted fever in Shanghai, as after my return symptoms of Shanghai fever showed themselves, and I was three weeks in my room, a great part of the time confined to bed. November 5 I was taken ill, and did not resume work until December 8, and not my full share until the 22nd. Yesterday (22nd) Miss Mann commenced her real work, and has undertaken the hour for worship, hymn, prayer, reading Exodus by the women, and afterwards her lesson, which was yesterday on the 'Call of Moses.' I was greatly pleased to find from the women that she had been well understood, and Thiam-to-Sím said she 'thanked God that she was able so soon to speak with so much intelligibility.'

In the spring session we took on three new women to read—Pêng-Sím, who kept the house in the holidays; Khúa-Sím and Chiá-sú: these both arrived in April. Women reading this year:—1. Thiam-to-Sím; 2. Nang-sú; 3. Suè-sú; 4. Tshú-Sím; 5. Sien-Sím (formerly Ak-Sím, changed her name because of its bad signification); 6. Kúc-Sím; 7. Pêng-Sím; 8. Khúa-Sím; 9. Chiá-sú; 10. Líp-Sím; 11. Hò-Sím (chapel-keeper at Sua-mng-siâ); Hui-pí and Múi-Im, teachers, and old Hang-Sím, too old to come in for reading, working at Chiah-na. Of these women Líp-Sím has been dropped out; the Missionaries heard unsatisfactory accounts of her conduct; she had done things so contrary to Chinese custom that it would not be wise to employ her. It was not a discharge, but a simple dropping her out of the ranks, as having received good instruction; of course we do not promise to engage *all*.

We have now 10 women, and the two young teachers, Múi-Im getting ready to take Húi-pí's place on her marriage this twelfth moon. The four first-named women are Biblewomen; the last, Biblewoman and chapel-keeper as well. Six women, prepared by Hò-Sím,* were examined and baptised at Sua-mng-siâ by Mr. Mackenzie. The contributions of the handful of members there amounted to one dollar and a half; the average collection was 121 cash. The congregation probably numbers about ten who give, and with outsiders is sometimes double that number.

Six women have been baptised in Suè-sú's village, where Mrs. Riddel, assisted by her, has been teaching the women at her own house, and at the chapel, for more than a year past.

At the time of the looting of Kit-iê chapel the Biblewomen stationed there, and one who had come at her own cost to help and go with them, instead of running immediately from their post remained to comfort the timid and distressed sisters. Two lost all they had with them, and have borne the loss without so much as telling me what they had lost. Thiam-to-Sím lost about 10 dollars' worth or more, as the mandarin did not force payment in full.

The summer examination was conducted by Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Gibson.

I have prepared two sheet tracts—one about the 'One true God,' the other about 'Sin and Salvation,' in character colloquial, and these I am going to get well taught in the hospital. The two contain enough knowledge, if blessed by the Holy Spirit of God, to save a soul; and if we can get a vast number of patients taught to read these well, we may look for God's blessing on the readers without fail. These I prepared while recover-

* Hò-Sím tells me there is another inquirer, Chhinn-sú; she has lost her all for the Lord's sake: I sent her some slight help by Hò-Sím, who returns to-morrow.

ing from the fever, and they will soon be ready for distribution. May I ask the prayers of the members of the Committee that these characters may be not dead letters but living words.

Formosa.—Mrs. Ritchie continued her much valued labours in Formosa till the summer, when she was obliged to return to England. The disturbed condition of the country has since made it impossible to prosecute our work in Formosa. We give the following extracts from a letter recently received from Dr. Maxwell:—

‘From November 1883 to June 1884 Mrs. Ritchie was steadily occupied with school work. Mrs. Ritchie was often sick and ill, but not often absent from her post when the school hours came round. Her only absences in the country were in order to push forward at the hill stations the educational work of the children. Not inclined to say much or to write much about herself and her work, Mrs. Ritchie has left her mark in Formosa in a large number of Church members and adherents who are able to read the Word of God for themselves, and many of whom also are able to write and to reckon accounts. She will not readily be forgotten either by the native Christians or by her fellow-workers, all of whom she has laid under obligation by many acts of helpful kindness during her many years’ residence and labour in South Formosa.

‘The women in hospital have had unusual privileges in the daily presence and sympathy of Mrs. Anderson. An hour a day of visiting them, conversing with them, teaching them to help themselves in various ways, so to work as to make their own households more comfortable on their return to them, has lightened and cheered the heart of many a poor invalid. Add to this a class four times a week in Dr. Anderson’s dining-room, of both men and women from hospital, usually about fifteen in number, for instruction in reading and in the Scriptures, and you will understand something of the helpful labours of our untiring sister.

‘When Mrs. Ritchie visited Bak-sa last spring Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Ede undertook to carry on the schoolwork in her absence; and in our own visits to the hill stations at the beginning of the year Mrs. Maxwell had almost daily meetings with some of the women and girls. I can only add that there is no field in our Mission which presents more open doors for woman’s work than Formosa does.’

Amoy.—The work at Amoy has progressed quietly but very steadily.

Through the kindness of the American Missionaries their Bible-house is available for the training of Biblewomen for our Mission also. Miss MacLagan writes thus:—

‘Our Biblewoman Ti-chi has visited a good many stations. She wrote to me to send her some primers, as she found some women anxious to learn to read, as, if she can teach some to read for themselves, it will be a great benefit.

‘We had two women from Chin-chew; one of them was almost too old to learn. She could read and repeat a good many hymns, and Mr. Watson said, when he was at Chin-chew, he saw her teaching the other women as much as she knew.

‘Another woman from Peh-chioh will also perhaps do for a Biblewoman after she has had more teaching. A girl from Pch-tsui-ia, who

was in the hospital for some time, was also in the Biblewoman's house a few weeks, but now she has gone to our girls' school. Her family, who are rather well-to-do people, were heathen; but after this girl came to the hospital the father began to attend the chapel, and the mother, who came down to nurse her daughter, heard something of the Gospel at the hospital. We went to Pch-tsui-ia a month or two ago, and the mother and father and two younger sisters were all at worship on Sunday; they have a good way to come by boat.

'Our school is small this session; whether the parents are afraid to send the girls down on account of the French troubles we do not know; but we have only eighteen girls just now.'

The Hak-ka Country.—A letter has been received from this district from Mrs. Riddel, stating that a generous friend in Edinburgh had promised to provide the funds for the erection of a girls' school there. The Committee has promised that *when* the building shall have been erected, the Women's Missionary Association will undertake the payment of the yearly expenses of the school.

This hoped-for connection with the Hak-ka district induces us to give the following extract from a very interesting letter received from Mrs. Riddel:—'I am sure the Committee will be glad to hear that the interest among the women here still continues. There is an average of twenty every Lord's-day at worship. Between forenoon and afternoon service they occupy the time in learning hymns, catechism, and when there is time I read them a Bible story. When they hear some of these for the first time their interest is very great—their faces are quite a study. This autumn I have a most encouraging class in the afternoon. I feel encouraged by their eager desire to learn.' After expressing much pleasure at Mrs. MacIver's coming to that district, Mrs. Riddel adds, 'I need not remind you to remember our work here in prayer. We feel our labours are in vain unless the Lord give the blessing.'

Rampore Bauleah, India.—The Zenana and School work were both carried on by Miss Bayly during Dr. and Mrs. Morison's absence on furlough in England. Her difficulties and cares were greatly increased by a severe visitation of cholera in the district. But the Lord granted perfect peace, and the needed grace and strength.

Miss Symington has arrived in Rampore Bauleah, and writes earnestly and hopefully. She is studying the language diligently. She has already begun to instruct a class in English; leading the girls to tell her in Bengali the words which she teaches them in English. Miss Symington is much impressed by the magnitude of the work to be done, and the pressing need for more labourers, for 'the fields are already white to the harvest.'

The funds for the erection of the school-house at Rampore Bauleah have been gathered.

As regards our home history we have to record the formation of ten new Associations. We are very anxious to persuade all the congregations of our Church to join us. We hail with thankfulness every addition to our number, whether it consist of one of the more or the less powerful among our congregations. Whilst the larger gifts are necessary to enable us to carry on our work efficiently and effectually,

we are deeply convinced of the benefit and blessing which come with those smaller gifts, which often involve much self-denial and are accompanied by that believing prayer which availeth much.

The following is a list of our Congregational Associations, comprising also some who have at different times aided us by working parties, &c. &c.:—

Presbytery of Berwick.—Belford; Berwick—Wallace Green.

Presbytery of Birmingham.—Nottingham, Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton.

Presbytery of Bristol.—Bristol, Cheltenham, Torquay.

Presbytery of Carlisle.—Bewcastle, Brampton, Carlisle—Warwick Road, Haltwhistle, Penrith.

Presbytery of Darlington.—Stockton-on-Tees—St. Andrews; Crook.

Presbytery of Liverpool.—Birkenhead—Claughton, Grange Road, Hamilton, St. Andrews; Chester, Douglas, Egremont, Rockferry, Southport, St. Helen's, Waterloo; Liverpool—Derby Road, Canning Street, Everton Valley, Fairfield, Islington, Mount Pleasant, Parkgate, Prince's Road, Queen's Road, Sefton Park, St. George's, Trinity.

Presbytery of London.—Aldershot, Bournemouth, Brighton, Canterbury, Chatham, Croydon, Eastbourne, Holybourne, Ipswich, Jersey, Lewes, Norwich, Silverhill; Southampton—St. Andrew's; St. Leonards-on-Sea; London—Belgrave, Camden Road, Canonbury, Clapham Road, Crouch Hill, Ealing, Forest Hill, Greenwich, Hampstead, Highbury, Islington, Kensington, Kentish Town, Kingston-on-Thames, Marylebone, New Barnet, Notting Hill, Putney, Regent Square, Richmond, Stepney, Streatham, St. John's Wood, Tooting, Tottenham, Upper Norwood, Wandsworth, Westbourne Grove, Whitfield, Willesden, Wood Green.

Presbytery of Manchester.—Ancoats, Blackburn—St. George's; Bolton, Bradford, Crewe, Eccles, Sale, Warrington, Wharton, Wigan, Withington; Manchester—Brunswick Street, Grosvenor Square, Higher Broughton, Longsight, Pendleton, Trinity Church, Whalley Range.

Presbytery of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.—Hebburn; Newcastle: Blackett Street Church; North Shields—Howard Street; South Shields—Mile End Road.

Presbytery of Northumberland.—Bavington, Morpeth, North Middleton, North Sunderland, Warenford, Wooler—West Chapel.

We have to record, with great regret, that our beloved friend and counsellor, Mrs. J. E. Mathieson, is about to resign her office as secretary for foreign correspondence. We shall have, however, the consolation of retaining her as a Vice-President, and thus the expectation of her continued advice and sympathy. It has been thought best that Miss Robertson should take her place, and that the duties of Secretary for Home Correspondence should be undertaken by Mrs. Archibald Stevenson.

Signed, by order of the Committee,

J. G. ROBERTSON, *Honorary Secretary.*

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V.

REPORT ON THE JEWISH MISSION, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

IN reporting to the Synod what your Committee have been doing during the past year, it may be convenient to begin with some account of their efforts in the direction of an extension of the Mission by the occupation of some foreign station. For the Synod will naturally be solicitous to know what progress has been made towards an expansion projected now some years ago, and specially approved of by the Synod in 1883, with particular reference to the idea of a Medical Mission to be established in some city of the Holy Land. In the Report submitted to the Synod last year it was stated that Dr. James Laidlaw, superintendent of the Glasgow Medical Mission, who was about to accompany a Deputation of the Free Church, commissioned to survey and report on the field in Palestine, had been requested to keep in view the interests of our Church in the inquiries which would be prosecuted. Dr. Laidlaw most kindly complied with the request, and the Free Church Deputation were ready to give us the advantage of the information they so carefully gathered. The Jewish Committee of the Free Church courteously placed at the disposal of your Committee the Report submitted by the Palestine Deputies to the General Assembly, and in an interview had by the Convener with the Rev. James Wells of Glasgow, one of the Deputation, full information was given as regarding places visited, and the openings for Mission work afforded in them. Dr. Laidlaw also placed in the hands of your Committee a carefully-drawn Report. The result of the inquiries made was the adoption by the Free Church of Tiberias as their Mission field, and on the part of the brethren named, a recommendation to our Church of Hebron in the hill country of Judea as presenting a sphere, at once the only one at the time unoccupied and commensurate with our ability and resources. The place, it need not be said, had attractions from ancient sacred memories of David and Elizabeth and Mary. Your Committee, however, on consideration of the case at their meeting in September, did not feel prepared to come to any resolution to take active steps towards the occupation of Hebron, and postponed decision till their next Quarterly Meeting in December. Before the arrival of the time for that meeting the question was decided for them, as a Berlin Society had determined to establish a Medical Mission in that town; and your Committee felt at once that the field there was too circumscribed to admit of two agencies working for the same end. Not without regretful feeling on

the part of many we felt the door of Palestine to be closed for us. Parting, meanwhile, with the hope of entering, for behoof of the ancient people of God, into the land of their heritage, your Committee would warmly express their sense of the sympathetic interest in their inquiries shown by the Jewish Committee of the Free Church, by their Deputies to Palestine, and by the valued Superintendent of the Glasgow Medical Mission. They have already recorded the preference indicated by the Foreign Mission Committee of the United Presbyterian Church for a station in the land given to Abraham and his seed, but with generous brotherly confidence the choice of field, as well as the management of the Joint Mission sanctioned by the Synods of the Federated Churches, was left to the Church in the South. Your Committee were, therefore, free to look to other fields.

Of these, in last Report, Jassy and Czernowitz were spoken of as open to us, and apparently inviting. The interest connected with any sphere of operations in the East of Europe has been since increased by the remarkable movement in Bessarabia led by Mr. Rabbinovitz, the story of whose experience and action has the air of hallowed romance about it, reading like the beginning of some new thing. But your Committee's interest in Morocco, as presenting an open door likely to prove effectual, referred to also in last Report, has been increased by their further inquiries. There is a large Jewish population in the African State, there are several centres open from which operations might be conducted, and there is reason to believe that softened prejudice and awakening inquiry would prepare the way for Christian agency, combining the healing of the sick with the preaching of the Gospel. Your Committee, would, therefore, submit to the Synod, for their approval and sanction, the selection of this field, asking power to engage a suitable missionary who might proceed to Morocco, to found a Mission in Tetuan or some other town, from which to act, as far as ability and opportunity might warrant, on the country generally. Some recently reported popular persecution of the Jews in a locality from which they have been driven, may enhance rather than lessen our interest in this portion of a nation 'scattered and peeled' hitherto everywhere.

Turning now to the work of our existing Mission in London, your Committee have the satisfaction of reporting that by the patient and faithful labour of Mr. Meyer, and his assistant Mr. Polan, the work in all its branches has been steadily and hopefully maintained. A few extracts from the Missionary's Annual Report submitted to the Committee will evince this. The first quotation refers to a department of the work which has been growing in interest from year to year.

The Reading Room continues to be the mainstay of the Mission. It is well known among the Jews and continues to exercise its attraction. It is soon found out by the newly arrived, and many of those who came to it as utter strangers have become regular frequenters, simply because they feel they get good there. It was always well filled, even in the midst of summer, and in winter it is often inconveniently crowded. It is there that those foreign Jews arriving from Galicia, Poland, Russia, Roumania, get first acquainted with true Christianity, and it is truly delightful to see with

what eagerness many are reading the tracts put into their hands, and searching the Scriptures whether those things be so. By sympathy, advice, little acts of kindness, moreover, a personal tie is formed which gives us a hold over them. The room is superintended by Mr. Polan, and he manages it with great skill and faithfulness.

The Committee cannot refrain from expressing regret in connection with this other extract regarding a class for the teaching of English—subsidiary to direct Mission work, but by no means unimportant—that it should have been needful for the Missionary to undertake the conduct of it personally. Mr. Meyer has now reached a term of faithful service when we should wish to see his labours lessened rather than increased. It will be noted, however, how cheerfully he bears this additional strain.

The *Evening Class* for instruction in English is another very important auxiliary. I might say it is a most necessary auxiliary, as young men arriving here from the above-mentioned countries do not know any language that has an evangelical literature; and, moreover, the knowledge of English is most necessary for them to get on in this country. Joyfully a good many availed themselves of it. The number enrolled was forty-five; but owing to various causes the average attendance was only from ten to sixteen, which of course greatly operated against the progress. But as only the Bible was read (which enables me frequently to put in a word for Christ), and personal ties were formed which will allow of future influence, this class, too, is a most useful auxiliary to the Mission. As I was not able to find a suitable teacher for it I had again to teach it myself; but for the additional labour thus put upon me I feel amply rewarded by the results.

Mr. Meyer reports that his meetings, of which he has four weekly, all with very occasional exceptions conducted by himself, have been generally well attended, and encouraging in their aspect. In connection with the subject of inquiry after the Christian faith, the old difficulty as to the temporal sustenance of Jews whose minds are opening to the truth comes up again in the Missionary's experience, as the following extract will show. Your Committee have often had to look at it, and find the question very difficult to deal with. They have always, however, carefully avoided all that might operate as a lure to insincerity, and have given no temporal relief from Church funds, leaving the administration of what help was unavoidable to the discretion and prudence of the Missionary, aided by friends to whom he may apply. What we now cite from his Report will show at once the difficulty and the spirit in which he deals with it.

Of inquirers asking for special instruction with a view to baptism, I had this year more than any preceding year. Their number amounted to 57; of them one only was baptized by myself, 10 were baptized by other Missionaries or Ministers, and 10 still remain under instruction; the rest either left London or were sent away, as it became evident that in seeking baptism they were actuated by mercenary motives. That such an idea should arise in the mind of any Jew may at first sight seem very strange; but as several Societies and Agents working among the London Jews maintain their inquirers, during the period of their inquiry, and after baptism apprentice them to learn some trade, or even send them to college to study,

it is but natural that Jews should form ideas so degrading to the Mission and Missionary.

The matter, however, has its serious aspect too. All the Missionary Agencies of London labour chiefly, although not exclusively, among the foreign Jews. In most cases these arrive here without knowing the language, without means, and except in very rare cases, without even having learned a trade by which they might make a living. Under these circumstances, they usually apply to the Associations (*Chebbraks*) and Synagogues of their countrymen which they are sure to find here, and get employment in one of the trades which are exclusively in the hands of the Jews, and which are easily learned. The moment, however, it gets known that they not only frequent the Reading-room, but are actually inquirers, and as such receive regular instruction, their occupation is gone, and they are exposed to starvation, for they do not fit into the workshops kept by Christians. Before they can hope to find work there, a special social education is required—they must be apprenticed and learn some trade. That it is the duty of the Missionary to come to the help of his inquirers in such circumstances scarcely admits of any doubt, for it is impossible to instruct a hungry, starving inquirer; and to baptize any one who even under the best circumstances is unable to make a living, would be exposing him to dreadful temptations. Even, however, if we were willing and able to maintain the inquirer during the period of his inquiry, and afterwards take care that he learn some trade, in most cases he is too old for undergoing a regular apprenticeship. There were also among my inquirers several who not only were too old for that purpose, but whose whole training and habits made them unfit for it. I allude to that class who, by the Jews of Russia and Poland, were hitherto looked upon as theologians, and made a living as religious teachers, &c., and yet could not be employed in the Christian Church without undergoing a long training (several of my most hopeful inquirers were of that class). For all that, however, very large means are required, which we have not; but even if we had them, and were disposed to use them for such purposes, there would be the great danger of fostering hypocrisy. Under these difficulties, however, we must not wonder if many of our inquirers go back altogether, or at least go to other Missionaries who are willing and able to smooth over these difficulties. The matter requires the serious consideration of the Committee. The only consolation which we have, under existing circumstances, is that the Master Himself has laid it down as a law, 'One soweth and another reapeth, that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.'

The following passage from Mr. Meyer's Report will show that the work is not carried on without subjection to opposition in forms hard to bear, while it indicates the encouragement furnished by aspects of the present time.

It cannot be denied that at present it is much easier than it was but ten years ago to get into conversation with Jews on religious subjects; but that does not by any means imply that we are always received with joy, that we always meet with readiness to listen to what we have to say, and wish to impress upon the hearts of our hearers. Mr. Polan visits chiefly in the East of London, I in the North and West; but both of us have instances not by any means unfrequent that our words are received with mockery and sneers, even with rudeness and curses; and repeatedly Mr. Polan has even been assailed in the streets, not with blasphemies and curses only, but with missiles of every kind. Still there exists with the old orthodox, Rabbinical, as well as with the so-called Reformed Jews, a certain distrust in their

systems, and that of course begets a disposition to listen to what we have to say, a certain readiness to enter into a religious conversation and discussion, and to ponder over what they have been told. We have had remarkable instances of this kind in the course of the year, have seen bigoted Jews giving up their old prejudices, have heard them acknowledge that Jesus is the Messiah promised to the fathers, have seen them even apparently burning with love to Him. I may mention as instances of this kind an old unlettered man of 60 years of age, a young man of great Talmudical learning, another young man officiating as preacher, and others. Their faith, however, lacks that energy which is necessary to break through the strong fetters by which a Jew is held, to overcome all the family and social difficulties of which the majority of Christians from among the Gentiles scarcely can form any notion, and so they remain Nicodemuses. Others try to stifle those impressions, and often succeed, at least for a time, sinking into utter infidelity, and become even members of the socialistic and infidel clubs existing in the East of London. Even of those, however, we need not give up all hope. One of that class lately came back and desired regular instruction, with a view to publicly professing Christ. When I asked him in the course of that instruction whether he loved God, he replied, 'No, I tremble before Him.'

Your Committee have again to acknowledge thankfully the liberality of the Directors of the British and Foreign Bible Society in placing at the disposal of Mr. Meyer a grant of Bibles, in part free and in part at a reduced price. The subjoined extract tells what hopeful use is being made of them.

Visiting was vigorously carried on by Mr. Polan and myself all the year round, and about forty hours a week are devoted to it. A good many Jewish houses are open to us, and in the coffee-houses and dining-rooms frequented by Jews, as well as in the streets, many Jews are spoken to. About the reception which we and our message find I have already spoken. In most cases, it is true, the latter is seed sown in hope; much of it may perish, but we are often cheered by finding it again after many days. We have had several instances of that in the course of the year. In connection with the visiting many *tracts are distributed*, and that they are valued appears from the fact that many Jews returning to Russia, because disappointed here in their hopes and expectations, ask for tracts and books to take with them. Thanks to the liberality of the Bible Society, we also were enabled to be more liberal in the distribution of Scriptures, taking of course care to give them to such persons only who are too poor to pay for them, and of whom we are *sure* that they will make a good use of them; 75 Bibles, or portions of the Bible, were thus distributed this year.

The following sentence will be read with lively satisfaction. The Committee have felt that nothing could better show the careful, thorough character of the work done, or vindicate the lines on which it has proceeded, than the testimony Mr. Meyer has been able to bear regarding the steadfastness of the great body of the converts under his ministrations. He has been able to speak of this in terms which ministers would be glad if they could always use regarding accessions to the membership of their Churches.

As far as is possible, personal intercourse or correspondence is kept up with the *converts* of our Mission. With a few exceptions, they walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they have been called; some of them even are bright examples of Christian life, being burning and shining lights.

Mr. Meyer closes his Report with the brief paragraphs which we now extract. The members of Committee who were present at the Annual Meeting of the Mission can testify to the evidence then afforded of the influence exerted by the work, and of the desirability of enlarged room, in the literal sense, for the operations which are carried on. The testimony here given by Mr. Meyer to the fidelity of his assistant, and the comfort he has experienced from his services affectionately rendered, will be noticed with much satisfaction.

This Report would not be complete if I did not at least mention our *Anniversary Meeting*. We had the pleasure of having several members of Committee with us on that occasion. Although only such persons were invited as are in regular connection with the Mission, and many were passed over who ought to have been asked, the hall was inconveniently crowded. Our premises are no more sufficient for such occasions.

Nor can I omit making special mention of the faithfulness and zeal with which Mr. Polan has been labouring and helping me in the work committed to me. He has been and is more than a help to me; and as he himself is a fruit of the Mission, we may all the more rejoice and give thanks.

I have tried to give in the above a short and faithful account of the work done during the year. The great object of the Mission, the preaching of the Gospel to the Jews, has been attained in a fuller measure than even in former years. If the *visible* results are not greater, the Committee will not forget that *we* can only plant and water, but that it is the Lord alone who giveth the increase: and He warns us not to despise the day of small things. And we know that our work is a double one—calling out the remnant according to the election of grace, and preparing the way for the conversion of *all* Israel. If, in the former, we have not been so successful as we should wish, in the latter it will be found that our labour has been abundant, and not in vain. We may therefore well thank God and take courage.

It will be seen from the statement referred to below that the support of the Mission has been adequate to its present requirements. For our Home work, so to distinguish it, further claims may arise. For the extension of the Mission abroad we must appeal, in faith, to the increased liberality of the Church.

In conclusion, your Committee would again say that the signs of the times encourage us in the work of seeking to win the Jewish people to the acceptance, as long now accomplished, of the hope promised to their fathers. The interest awakened among German students in the conversion of the Jews to Christianity—flower and fruit of their own faith—and the remarkable movement in Bessarabia, resulting in the formation of an Israelitish New Testament Church, are hopeful tokens of the approach of the day when ‘there shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.’”

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

JOHN EDMOND,

Convener.

VI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTERCOURSE
WITH OTHER CHURCHES,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

THE Synod appointed a Deputation to visit the Unofficial Synod of the Reformed Church of *France*, which met in Nantes in June 1884. Sir George B. Pechell and the Convener attended as representatives of our Church. They were deeply impressed with the unity of faith and of spirit which were manifested by the brethren. The decisions of the Synod do not carry with them the weight of official sanction—nevertheless, they have great moral power, not only among those who voluntarily agree to be governed by them, but also in that portion of the National Protestant Church which stands aloof. The Synod meets about once in three years, and it is gratifying to find that each meeting brings new accessions to its membership. Those who have not joined the Unofficial Synod include not only men of rationalistic tendencies, who are of course unfriendly, but also not a few men strongly sympathising with the faith and principles of the Synod, but whose natural conservatism, whose antecedents, or whose connections, keep them apart. From this number adhesions are from time to time being announced. The business was conducted with ability and with the vivacity characteristic of the people. It was daily preceded by a warm and refreshing meeting for prayer. There is growing power for good in this union of brethren, and your delegates left the Synod with brightened hopes for the revival of the old Huguenot faith in France. The Deputies were received with much cordiality. For them the place of meeting had a peculiar interest, it having been here that John Knox lay long in the galleys reaping a cruel reward for his loyalty to the truth. For all, Nantes was a place of stirring memories, as it was in a house in this city that the famous Edict of Nantes was signed. As regards the other agencies in France, such as the McCall Mission, the Mission Intérieure, &c., it must suffice to say that amid superstition, infidelity, and atheism, their work goes on with success.

The Convener alone was able to visit the Synod of the Christian Missionary Church of *Belgium*, which met in Charleroi in the month of August. That brave little Church holds on its steadfast course, tried and not found wanting. Pastor Anet, the revered and beloved founder of the Church, was able in much infirmity to be present at the Synod. Since then with armour on—faint, yet pursuing, toiling in the cause he

loved to the last night of his life—this good soldier of Christ has gently fallen asleep. The Protestants of Belgium mourn as one man the Moses of their Church. May a Joshua be sent to take his place!

The Deputation to the *Waldensian* Church found themselves arrested on the borders of Italy by the stern application of quarantine regulations, owing to the prevalence of cholera. It was with sorrow that they found themselves precluded from fulfilling their commission. In these circumstances the Convener sent a letter to the Moderator, conveying the salutations of the Church and the regrets of the Deputies. It is cause of congratulation and thanksgiving that the negotiations for union between the Waldensian Church and the Free Church of Italy proceed most favourably, and seem to promise the best results. In Italy it is emphatically true, as regards the too numerous sections of the Church of Christ, that union would be strength.

Negotiations have been going on with a view to the placing of a Hungarian or a Waldensian student in our college, but from various circumstances the Committee found themselves unable to carry out this project during last session. The matter will continue to engage their attention. They regard this as one of the ways in which they may endeavour to repay a small part of the debt of English to Continental Protestantism. They believe that earnest and pious students from these churches, trained among the influences of English Christianity, might return to their own lands increasingly fitted to be a light and a help to every good work in them.

The Committee earnestly commend to the sympathy and liberality of the Church the effort originated by the General Presbyterian Council in Philadelphia in 1880, and supported by the meeting of the Council in Belfast in 1884, to supply a want much felt by the Martyr-Church of Bohemia. It is desired to raise £5,000 for the purpose of providing premises in Prague as a centre for Christian Publication Work, and for aiding in the erection and support of churches and schools in suitable places. The brethren in America are prepared warmly to co-operate in this effort. When it is remembered that the Slavonic nations extend over Eastern Europe and Northern Asia, and number no less than ninety millions of souls, it will be admitted that the Churches of the West have done far too little on their behalf. Let us endeavour by the activity of the present to atone in some small measure for the apathy of the past.

Of the work in *Spain* and *Portugal* which is aided by our Church, it need only be said that it progresses amid difficulties.

It is hoped that the recent meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in *Copenhagen* has given some impulse to the spread of Evangelical doctrine in the North of Europe.

Turning now to our own country, the Committee have to report that the Deputation appointed by the Synod attended the meeting of the Free Church General Assembly. They conveyed to said Church the views of our own Church in reference to the subject of drawing closer the ties between us and them, by the establishment of such federal relations as now exist between us and the United Presbyterian Church

of Scotland, and otherwise. Conference was held with an influential Committee of the Free Church. Our proposals were most favourably received, and there is reason to hope that our desires in this respect are not far from realisation. The Free Church of Scotland will this year be approached by letter and the Presbyterian Church of Ireland by Deputation.

The Committee regard with satisfaction the growing tendency to co-operation between this church and the Presbyterian Church of Wales, which they hold in high regard. Efficient help has been rendered by several of our ministers, in sustaining English preaching in the watering-places of the Welsh coast. Such help we shall gladly continue to give, as occasion may require.

The appointed contingent of members of this Church attended the meeting of the General Presbyterian Council in Belfast. The meeting was remarkable, among other matters, for the settlement of a question long held in suspense, by the admission into the Alliance of the large body of Christians known as the Cumberland Presbyterians of the United States. The tone of the meeting was high, the unity of spirit conspicuous, and the general interest sustained. The Council has now fairly passed from the region of experiment; it has vindicated its claim to be a permanent institution; and in evidence of this it has agreed to the appointment of a permanent paid secretary, whose work will lie not only on both shores of the Atlantic, but in both hemispheres of the globe. Few can have left that great representative gathering of Christian Ministers and Elders without their hope for the future of the world being brightened, and their love for brethren of many nations being deepened. The next meeting of the Council is appointed to be held in London in 1888. Our Church will count itself honoured by receiving the General Council, and will doubtless take care not to be outdone, if that be possible, in generosity and love by the splendid hospitalities and the fervent welcome accorded by the liberal and warm-hearted Presbyterians of Ireland to the assembled brethren.

As regards finance, the total income of the General Fund of this Committee is less by £31 in 1884 than in 1883; the amount contributed for special objects is more by £7; the income for the General Fund from congregations is more by £14. There has been an increase of 4 in the number of congregations contributing, the whole number, however, being only 90. The depression of trade has doubtless interfered with our power of giving, yet our Church cannot be said to be in a healthy condition, when about two-thirds of its congregations give nothing towards a scheme adopted by the Church. Nor is it possible to believe that the non-contributing congregations can be aware of the great value attached by our Continental brethren even to the modest subsidies we can give, or of the large spiritual results which flow in the field of Continental Evangelisation from small expenditure. It is earnestly hoped that Office-bearers will everywhere give their flocks the opportunity of aiding this scheme, and that an enterprise which has been undertaken by the whole Church shall no longer be left to depend for its support upon one-third of its congregations.

The following grants have been made by the Committee from the collections of the past year:—

	£	s.	d.
BELGIUM: Christian Missionary Church of Belgium	60	0	0
FRANCE: Evangelical Society of France	30	0	0
Evangelical Society of Geneva	30	0	0
Evangelistic Work of the Union of the Free Churches	25	0	0
Mr. McAll's Mission	25	0	0
Evangelistic Work of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists in Brittany	10	0	0
ITALY: The Free Church of Italy	25	0	0
Waldensian Church Mission	45	0	0
SPAIN: Spanish Evangelisation Society	50	0	0
PORTUGAL: Lisbon Mission (under Rev. R. Stewart)	20	0	0
BOHEMIA: Bohemian and Moravian Evangelisation	30	0	0
	350	0	0

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

R. H. LUNDIE, *Convener*.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church'—Continental Missions Fund, p. 929.]

LETTER FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND.

To the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England.

BELoved BRETHREN,—The arrangements for annual interchange of fraternal salutations between your Supreme Court and ours prevent the visit of our Deputation at your approaching meeting. We are directed, therefore, to convey to you, by written message, the cordial greeting of our entire communion, and to assure you of our Christian sympathy and affectionate regard.

We rejoice to hear of your prosperity, the increase of your numbers, the enlargement of your operations, the extension of your influence; and pray that you may wield, in the country that you love, such spiritual power as arrests men, and makes the Church an uplifting force in the midst of populations, however ignorant and godless. It is time that the 'neglected and depraved' of your great cities should be reached by loving and skilful messengers, animated by the Spirit of our Lord. They are an element of danger in the State; their lives are miserable; their power for evil great; and, open to the solicitations of the clever and designing, they are not unlikely to become hostile, theoretically and practically, to the social order, and seriously impair the strength of

the Commonwealth. But as you 'face the problem,' higher considerations move you. A missionary Church, in the noblest sense, you look to the spiritual condition of those who know not God, and obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. You think of their prospects, in that unseen domain, to which they are rapidly advancing. You hear the orders of your King. Debtors to every class, you begin at Jerusalem! May the ever-blessed and Almighty Redeemer, all-wise and most gracious, direct and sustain your endeavours, and give you much success in this important but difficult and unattractive field.

We do not feel called upon, at the present stage, to refer to your action in reference to your Church's relation to the Westminster Confession. The subject is one of extreme delicacy, and rash pronouncements are to be studiously avoided, especially by those who honestly seek your good.

No marked change has occurred during the past twelve months in the action or experience of our own Church. Our numbers continue slightly to diminish. The pressure of the times, and the distractions of the country, with fears of more serious complications, tempt a few to seek new homes across the sea. But the families who remain support the cause and Church of God with increased liberality; and, in particular, our Foreign Mission, under the skilful guidance of S. W. Fleming Stevenson, has been very materially strengthened. Our special evangelistic efforts have been more numerous and fruitful than in any former period; and many evidences appear in many different quarters that the Gospel has come to men, 'not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Ghost.' Our colleges prosper, and are doing increasing work for increasing numbers; and our 'licentiates' find acceptance with the churches.

Our great difficulty is Ireland, which is very far indeed from being at rest, and on which pains and skill seem to be spent in vain. It is, however, to be stated with gratitude that in the most exciting time through which we have lately passed, no agent of our Church has been in the least molested; no work on which we were engaged has been suspended, even for a day; and no member or adherent of our communion, however young or thoughtless, has been mixed up with any agrarian crime.

We remain,

Beloved Brethren,

Yours in the Gospel of the grace of God,

J. MAXWELL RODGERS, *Moderator*.

Signed in the name and by the authority
of the General Assembly of the Pres-
byterian Church in Ireland.

Londonderry, April 23, 1885.

VII.

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COMMITTEE,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

1. Your Committee have the satisfaction of reporting that it has pleased God so far to restore the health of our Principal, as to admit of his resuming his duties; and the College session, which was opened on October 14, with a lecture on 'Wiclif,' by Professor Graham, has been successfully carried through.

2. There have been twenty students in attendance. There were six students admitted for the first year—five by examination and one on presentation of a University degree:—

Mr. E. J. Gilchrist, M.A.	Mr. G. Bates.
Mr. C. H. Purdy, M.A.	Mr. W. Lindsay.
Mr. C. C. Brown.	Mr. T. Boyd, M.A. (not examined).

All of them are University men except one, who was specially admitted to the examination. The first two passed with honours.

To the second year classes nine were admitted by examination:—

Mr. W. D. Reid, B.A. (from Irish Presbyterian Church).	Mr. J. A. Watt.
Mr. R. H. Lyall, M.A.	Mr. W. Watt.
Mr. A. Matheson, M.A.	Mr. W. Murray.
Mr. T. W. Macpherson.	Mr. W. F. Craigie.
	Mr. W. Thorpe, M.A.

Mr. Lyall passed with honours, but as he holds a Hewley Bursary he was disqualified for a scholarship.

For the third year there were admitted by examination five students, viz:—

Mr. T. O. Scott, M.A.	Mr. H. S. Anderson, M.A.
Mr. J. Peddie, B.A.	Mr. D. S. McCallum.
Mr. E. Hewitt.	

To Honour men Theological Scholarships were awarded as follows:—

First Year.

Muter, £30	...	...	...	Mr. E. J. Gilchrist, M.A.
Newcastle, £25	Mr. C. H. Purdy, M.A.

UNDERGRADUATE.

Robertson, £30	Mr. G. Paulin at Aberdeen University.
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The other undergraduate scholarships are held as they were last year.

Messrs. Storrar and Samuel, holding the Crichton and Gillespie Scholarships, have elected to continue their studies abroad.

Mr. W. D. Reid, B.A., of the 2nd year, and Mr. T. O. Scott, M.A., of the 3rd, having very nearly qualified for scholarships, and there being two scholarships vacant, arrangements were made by the Committee under the special circumstances for these students to receive the value of the scholarship this year.

Of the nine students who passed out last May six were immediately licensed; and of these, Mr. Thomas L. Turnbull has just been called to Swindon and Mr. J. Waddell Black to Newbiggin. Mr. Crothers, who passed out in 1883, has been ordained beside a student of his own year at Leeds.

3. The Synod instructed the Committee to arrange if possible for the maintenance of a class of elocution in alternate years. There was so little response to an appeal for contributions to a capital fund for this purpose, and yet so much interest expressed in the object, that fifteen annual subscribers of £2 2s. each are being found, and the class is being made a regular one every year.

The prize for an essay on an Evangelistic subject was not awarded, no candidate coming forward.

4. The Resident Professor reports as follows:—

I have to report that the condition of the household during the past session has been eminently satisfactory. The rules and regulations have been well observed; and the students have applied themselves with great diligence to their studies. I subjoin the reports of the secretaries of the Theological and Missionary Societies. These Societies continue to do a useful work, and help to keep alive an interest among the students in Theological Science and in the practical work of the Church. During the session Mrs. Thom, the wife of the Janitor, died after a long illness. By her death the College was deprived of a faithful servant, who, during a long course of years, cared for the comfort of all the inmates of the College.

THE STUDENTS' THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY met as usual every fortnight during the session. The Rev. Dr. Murphy, of Crouch Hill, delivered the introductory lecture upon 'The Mental Attitude and Temper Proper to Youth.' The following are some of the subjects brought before the Society during the present session:—'The Religion of Shakespeare,' 'Evolution, Philosophically Considered,' 'The Philosophy of Missions,' 'Savonarola,' 'The Law and the Prophets, their relation to one another,' and 'The Theology of John Inglesant.'

THE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY has completed the sixth year of its existence, and it is gratifying to report that the steady progress which has attended its efforts since the commencement has not been interrupted during the past year.

The total amount collected is £190 18s. 1d. After deducting £11 0s. 8d. for expenses incurred in connection with the Foreign Mission Scheme, there remains £179 17s. 5d. Of this amount, £94 7s. 3d. has been devoted to the Mission to the Kabyles. The balance, amounting to £85 10s. 2d., has been expended on the Society's Home Mission Work. The object of the Society's work this year is 'The Theological Colleges of Our Mission in China.'

The monthly meetings of the Society have been held as usual, and addresses on missionary or kindred topics have been delivered by ministers specially interested in missions.

The Home Mission work in Camden Town has during the past year absorbed the attention and resources of the Society in an unprecedented manner. The lack of funds seriously hindered the work; and when at the

close of the session, the Society found it necessary to continue it during the summer, an application was made to the Home Mission Committee for a grant. As the rules of the Committee did not allow this to be given, the expense incurred was defrayed by several generous friends of the Society. It is proposed to appoint a Student Missionary during the ensuing summer.

5. During the year considerable additions have been made to the Library, partly by purchase, but chiefly through presentation and bequest. An honoured minister of the Church, the Rev. J. A. Huie, of Wooler, has enriched the collection by a gift of seventy-nine works (or 109 volumes), all new to the Library, and including valuable modern French and German books in theology and cognate literature, as well as important older ones in English and the classical languages. Your Committee, in reporting this gift to the Synod, desire especially to record their appreciation of the evident care taken by the generous donor to select from his Library works appropriate to a Theological College, and also of the kind permission, spontaneously afforded, to sell for the benefit of the Library any volumes which might be found to be duplicates of those already in possession.

The interests of the Library have likewise been remembered by a much respected Elder of the Church, the late Alex. Gillespie, Esq., of London. By a provision of his will, Principal Chalmers and the Convener of this Committee were empowered to select a number of works from his library for the use of the College, and in this way a further valuable addition has been made of over fifty volumes; amongst these are copies of Minutes of Synod and of the 'Messenger' from their commencement, which are proving of great service in completing the sets which are being preserved for College and Synod purposes.

With the Library Endowment Fund no progress has been made during the year, save that one friend has volunteered a donation of £10. Your Committee cherish the hope that some substantial advance will be made before the presentation of another report towards realising the desired capital sum of £500, as already sanctioned by the Synod.

6. In consequence of serious injury to his eyesight, sustained since he entered the College, one of the second year's men, Mr. MacPherson, has been medically forbidden to study the Hebrew language, on account of the strain which its unfamiliar characters would put upon his impaired powers of vision. Under these peculiar circumstances it is his prayer to have this part of the Exit Examination modified next year, so that in his case the customary degree of Hebrew scholarship shall not be held obligatory. What the Board of Examiners has suggested is that he should be exempted from questions which cannot be answered without a reading of the Hebrew words, and that there should be substituted for these other questions relative to the subject of the paper. The case is one which your Committee consider to be deserving of generous consideration. Mr. MacPherson is reported to be in every other respect a superior student, likely to prove himself a useful Minister; and the Committee, therefore, recommend that the Hebrew paper set at the Exit of 1886 be in his case modified as craved.

7. While thus deeming it wise to relax the usual rules in favour of one physically afflicted, the College Committee are of opinion that the

time has come to raise the standard of Hebrew scholarship by requiring of all entrants into the Hall a knowledge of the rudiments of Hebrew grammar. This has long been required by sister Churches in Scotland. The facilities enjoyed by English students for learning a little Hebrew during undergraduate years are at least as great as those to be found elsewhere. The possession of even a slight acquaintance with the language before entering the Hall would place the Hebrew Professor at a very great advantage for his work, and save several months at least, which must now be devoted to mere initial drudgery. For these and other reasons, the Committee have unanimously agreed (at the instance of the Examination Board) to request authority from the Synod to include elementary Hebrew grammar among the subjects of entrance examination in future.

8. In 1883 it was decided that the Board of Examination shall consist of eight members besides officials, and a Chairman and Secretary. Through various causes the number has fallen to five, and your Committee recommend that it be now raised to its full strength by the appointment of the following brethren (who have been nominated by the Board itself in compliance with the rules), viz., Rev. J. Thoburn McGaw, M.A., Rev. J. B. Thorburn, M.A., B.D., and Rev. Charles Moinet, M.A.

The Board will then be constituted as under:—

(a) *Official Members.*

The Rev. the College Professors.
The Convener of the College Committee.
Rev. W. Ballantyne, Chairman of Board.
Rev. John Reid, M.A., Secretary of Board.

(b) *Examining Members retiring in order year by year.*

1. Rev. George Johnstone, M.A., B.D.	} Present Members in order of Seniority.
2. Rev. Hugh C. Wilson, M.A.	
3. Rev. W. T. Johnstone, B.A.	
4. Rev. Wm. Limont.	
5. Rev. W. A. Walton, M.A., B.D.	
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6. Rev. J. T. McGaw, M.A.	} Proposed new Members.
7. Rev. J. B. Thorburn, M.A., B.D.	
8. Rev. Charles Moinet, M.A.	

9. In equipment and efficiency for its important work the College was never in a more healthy condition than now. This makes it the more to be regretted that through the limited support which it receives from the Church at large its balance-sheet again exhibits a serious deficit on the year. In fact, the financial outlook is such as cannot be contemplated without alarm, and justifies the Committee in inviting to it the earnest and special attention of your venerable Court.

Through the munificence of one donor, a deficit of £224 was wiped off three years ago. Unfortunately the income has not since that time proved equal to the augmented burdens then imposed upon the funds, so that at the end of 1883 the deficit again stood at £228. This has now risen (at the end of 1884) to £374. In other words, our income for last financial year fell short of our expenditure by £146. Things

would have been still worse but for the fact that when the accounts of the College Trust were placed under the care of the Treasurership Committee, the total receipts from that source began to be paid over at once to the credit of the College, instead of a certain balance being retained by the Trustees as had been usual before. In this way some £90 more have been credited to income last year than our Endowments actually yielded. The real shortcoming is thus greater than it appears to be.

Nor is this all. We have the prospect before us of a serious falling off in our receipts, while there is no hope of our expenses being materially curtailed. This falling off of revenue is likely to occur in several ways. 1. The contemplated sale of Bank shares in order to reinvest in the purchase of the other moiety of the house 227 Strand, while advised by the Trustees (with the Committee's concurrence) with a view to ultimate returns, as well as to greater security, must entail in the immediate future a certain reduction of income. 2. The special contribution for five years from a few Regent Square friends, which has never fallen below £70 per annum, has now terminated. 3. The £500 to supplement the Barbour Professor's salary, subscribed by an anonymous donor on his appointment, will be exhausted at the close of 1886, that is to say, two years hence. To compensate for all these actual or prospective losses, your Committee is quite unable to indicate any fresh source of revenue.

The Church must, therefore, be urged to sustain far more liberally, by annual collections and donations, the important institution in which her future pastors are trained. In the course of last year an urgent appeal was addressed to Congregations which had not sent any collection the year before. As a result, the number of contributing Congregations rose from 144 to 165; a rise gratifying in itself as an evidence of wider interest, but not affording, as it happened, any corresponding gain in the amount of money collected. Still there remain 114 of our Congregations which made no offering at all. The Synod will probably be surprised to learn how minute is the proportion given over the Church to College expenses as compared with the total of the Synodical collections during the year. Out of £18,347 collected by Congregations for all the Synod's 'schemes' during 1883, the College received no more than £942, or little more than 5 per cent. This year's balance-sheet shows, under the head of 'Congregational Contributions,' a still smaller sum, viz., £876 18s. 1d.

To show clearly how inadequate this measure of support from the Congregations must be while our present outlay is maintained, your Committee venture to invite your attention to a calculation of probable income and expenditure based on the average of the last four years.

We have to provide for—

(a) Salaries of four Professors	£2,300
(b) Other expenses, house, repairs, examinations, &c. (say)	£1,100
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In all . . .	£3,400

To meet this we can reckon on the following items, apart from the Church's offerings, viz. :—

Endowments estimated to yield	£1,800
Students' fees (say)	70
Presbytery, Committees, and other rents	165
Annual share of Mr. Drysdale's donation (for two years longer).	100
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	£2,135

leaving, as the share the Church is called upon to provide by its yearly liberality, no less than £1,265, in addition to clearing off the existing deficit.

It is quite clear that this is a position of matters which cannot be too speedily faced and provided for. If the College is to be kept up at its present cost, the outlay cannot be materially reduced. It will never do to allow arrears to go on accumulating as they are doing. Past experience certainly forbids us to count on any rapid or large increase in the collection. Even were every Congregation to act loyally by observing the Synod's appointment, it is very doubtful if the sum required would be provided from this source alone; but in any case a good number of abstentions must be reckoned with. It will be within the recollection of the Synod that the time has come round for the triennial visitation of the College; perhaps it may be deemed wise in appointing Visitors to instruct them to turn their special attention to this state of matters, in the hope that they may be able, in conjunction with the Committee, to suggest a remedy to the Synod of 1886.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' General Fund, p. 930; Scholarships, p. 932.]

VIII.

REPORT OF COLLEGE TRUSTEES,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

At the request of the Trustees, the Synod's Treasurership Committee has agreed to keep the Accounts of all moneys under the control of the Trustees.

The Trustees, in order to greater simplicity and unity in the direction of Trust funds for College purposes, have requested other bodies of Trustees holding such funds to place their accounts in the hands of the same Treasurership Committee. In response to this request the accounts of several Scholarship funds have been transferred to that Committee.

The College Visitors, in their Report to the Synod in 1883, strongly recommended that the Bank Shares held by the Trustees should be sold, and the proceeds invested in other securities. The Trustees concurred in the recommendation, and sought an opportunity for giving effect to it. Mrs. Brownley, joint-owner with the Trustees of No. 227 Strand, London, having represented to them her willingness to sell to them her moiety of that freehold property, after full consideration, the Trustees effected the purchase of said moiety for the sum of £4,750, out of the proceeds of the sale of the Bank Shares. This transference of investment from the Bank Shares to the freehold property involves for the present a reduction of College income; but there are prospective advantages at the expiration of the lease. The whole of the freehold property, 227 Strand, has now been duly conveyed to Mr. John Johnstone, Mr. George Duncan, Mr. Robert T. Turnbull, Mr. Robert Morton, and Mr. John A. Swanston, as Trustees for the College.

The investments are as follows :—

Standing in the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
CHARLES GRAHAM SCOTT,
WILLIAM BALLANTYNE,

£4,000 London and North-Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£3,600 Great Western Railway 5 per Cent. Consolidated Preference Stock.

£1,965 Great Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
HUGH MACKAY MATHESON,
CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS,

£1,200 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway $4\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent.
Perpetual Debenture Stock.
£1,000 Great Northern Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS,

£5,000 Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Railway and Dock Com-
pany $4\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. Debenture Bonds.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
ROBERT WALES,
ROBERT MORTON,

£1,000 Caledonian Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.
£1,000 South-Eastern Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture
Stock.
£1,000 Midland Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.
£2,060 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway 4 per Cent.
Perpetual Debenture Stock.
£1,000 Great Eastern Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.
£1,000 London and North-Western Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual
Debenture Stock.

Freehold of 227 Strand.

Submitted, on behalf of the Trustees, by

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 931.]

IX.

REPORT OF THE SENATUS OF THE
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

THE following Report is submitted of the College Work carried on during the session of 1884-85.

Rev. Principal Chalmers, D.D.

DIVINITY.

I am very thankful to be able to say that the severe illness, which unfitted me for duty during the greater part of the session 1883-84, has been followed, through the Divine blessing on restorative measures, by such improvement in my health and strength as has admitted of my carrying on both of my classes, without excessive strain, during the session which has just closed.

Apologetics.—In this class, confined to the students of the first year, the subjects of study have been Natural Theology and Christian Evidence. Under the former head, the Theistic argument has been expounded and vindicated, and the various anti-Theistic theories discussed and refuted. Under the latter, a careful survey has been made of the proofs—internal, external, and collateral—of the Divine Origin of Christianity and the Authority of Scripture.

Dogmatics.—With the students of the second and third years I have gone over the first part of my course on Systematic Theology: the subjects embraced being the Doctrine of God—His attributes; the Divine Decrees; Creation; Providence; the Doctrine of Man—his origin, nature, and the condition in which he was created; the Doctrine of Sin—its nature, its entrance into the world in the fall of man; its guilt and punishment; the universal depravity of the race, and its connection with the first transgression. Before the session closed I had entered upon the doctrine of salvation, and adduced the evidence for the supreme divinity of the Saviour.

The text-books used in the class for Apologetics are Dr. James Buchanan's 'Faith in God and Modern Atheism' and Dr. Hodge's 'Systematic Theology' (Part I., on Theism). In the class for Dogmatics I used Dr. Hodge's 'Systematic Theology,' his son's 'Outlines,' and Dr. Cunningham's 'Historical Theology.'

In both classes my lectures are interspersed with examinations—oral and written.

I have every reason to be highly satisfied with the conduct of the students. They have been most regular in their attendance and diligent in their studies. On these points the experience and testimony of my colleagues coincide with my own.

Rev. Professor Graham, D.D.

CHURCH HISTORY AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY.

In the Senior Class I have been occupied during the session 1884-85 with Mediæval Church History and the Reformation—that is, from Gregory I., A.D. 604, to John Knox, A.D. 1572. One day of every week has been given to Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, treated in lectures, and specially in the handling by the students of texts and themes.

In the Junior Class, Church History from the first to the third century, has been the work of two days each week, while the third has been given to Homiletical instruction, limited almost entirely to the pulpit treatment of Scripture texts.

In both classes examinations—oral and written—have tested the progress of the students.

This session has been most cheering and satisfactory, through the diligence, courtesy, kindness, and earnestness of the students.

Rev. Professor Gibb.

NEW TESTAMENT EXEGESIS.

During the past session I read with the Senior Class the Epistle to the Romans, and gave exegetical lectures on the epistle. I also gave a course of lectures on the Life and Writings of St. Paul. Every student wrote an exegetical exercise on a passage of the Greek Testament, which was examined by me. The attention of the students was tested by means of written examination. With the Junior Class I read the Epistle to the Hebrews, a portion of one of the Apostolical Fathers, and the Book of Ecclesiasticus. I delivered a course of lectures on the principles and results of Textual Criticism; and after Christmas I lectured on the Times of the New Testament, with special reference to the religious condition of the Jewish people at the time of the Advent. In this class also the students were subjected to periodical written examinations.

Rev. Professor Wm. G. Elmslie, M.A.

HEBREW AND OLD TESTAMENT EXEGESIS.

The Junior Class have made a careful study of the Grammar. The first half of Genesis, some of the simpler Psalms, and the Book of Ruth have been read with historical and exegetical comments. Occasional lectures have been delivered and written examinations held monthly.

The Senior Class have read a considerable portion of First Samuel, several sections of the prophecy of Isaiah, the Book of Joel, and a selection of Messianic Psalms. Special attention has been given to Exegesis and

Biblical Theology. Courses of lectures have been delivered on Jewish Exegesis, Prophecy, and special points of Criticism and Comparative Religion. The work of the class has been revised and tested by periodical written examinations.

The whole of the students have attended throughout the session weekly lectures on Elocution, with suitable exercises, conducted by Professor Plumptre, of King's College, London, who reports favourably of the general progress of the students.

In accordance with the permission granted by the Synod of 1883, the Professors are now Members of the 'Senatus Academicus of Associated Theological Colleges in England and Wales'—the object of the Association being the advancement of Theological learning, and the obtaining of a charter from Government, with power to confer degrees in Theology.

Submitted, on behalf of the Senatus, by

WILLIAM CHALMERS,

Principal.

X.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION
OF PROBATIONERS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

THE Committee present the Report of the changes that have taken place on the Roll during the year, with the usual list of vacancies and of the names of those preachers available for vacancies and other preaching engagements.

I. *Names of those received on Roll A. during the year:—*

Rev. John Foulkes.	Rev. T. F. Darroch.
„ J. W. Black.	„ P. A. Milne.
„ T. L. Turnbull.	„ J. A. G. Stirling.
„ W. C. Blount.	„ W. Aitken, M.A.

II. *Names removed during the year:—*

Rev. George Henry, removed to Scotland.
„ George Bennett, removed to Roll B. (Rule 4).
„ Wm. Thornbeck, settled at Tweedmouth.
„ W. E. Crothers, „ Leeds.
„ William Weatherstone, removed to New South Wales.
„ W. Aitken, M.A., „ Trinidad.
„ R. J. Adamson, M.A., settled at Bedlington.
„ T. L. Turnbull, „ Whitby.

III. *Names now on Roll A. for Supply of Vacancies:—*

Rev. F. B. Whitmore, B.A.	Rev. J. W. Black.
„ James Hall.	„ W. C. Blount.
„ Thomas Stenhouse.	„ T. F. Darroch.
„ Wm. Dunn.	„ P. A. Milne.
„ J. T. Middlemiss.	„ J. A. G. Stirling
„ John Foulkes.	

IV. *List of present Vacancies:—*

Risley	Douglas, Isle of Man.	Penrith.
Killingworth.	Blyth, Waterloo Road.	Worcester.
Swansea.	Dudley.	Swindon.
Sutton.	Sheffield.	Berwick, Wallace Green
Newbiggin.	Bristol.	Streatham.
Wimbledon.	North Bridge Street,	Brampton.
Darenth.	Sunderland.	Trinity, Middlesbro'.
Oldham.	Bournemouth,	West Kirby,
West-Chapel Wooler.		

V. List of Preaching Stations :—

Alderney.	Penruddock.	Great Salkeld.
Tunley.	Holy Island.	Cambridge.
College Park.	Millfield, Sunderland.	

The Rev. William Dunn, late of North Sunderland, having failed at the end of his second year to procure a settlement, requested that his name be continued on Roll A. for one year more. In view of the peculiarities of Mr. Dunn's case the Committee cordially granted his very reasonable request, subject to Synodical confirmation, which they now respectfully crave.

In the name of the Committee,

JAMES MUIR,
Convener

XI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION
OF YOUTH,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

THIS Committee, entrusted with the oversight of all the work the Church undertakes on behalf of the young people connected with our households and churches and schools, find their share in this work increasingly pleasant, the more they are brought into kindly contact with the young people themselves, and with those who ungrudgingly give strength and mind and heart to training them for God. They feel that they have as yet done only a little of what they proposed to themselves, by way of encouragement and assistance to the youth of the Church and their teachers. In many respects their plans and proposals are still only tentative and preparatory; but they trust that it may be possible for them, as they obtain year by year a larger knowledge of the wants and difficulties of teachers, to render more and more efficient counsel and co-operation.

The various departments of the Committee's sphere of operations are reported upon by their respective Vice-Conveners, to whom the Committee and the Church owe much for unwearied service. Mr. White's Report on the Synod's Day Schools is unique in this important respect: it contains the impressions of the condition and value of these schools which he was led to form in the course of a personal visitation, a visitation carried out at the sacrifice of more than one season of needed rest. The Committee feel justified in calling special attention to the testimony thus rendered to the importance and the healthy state of schools, which appear, in some places at least, to be essential to the continued existence of the congregations to which they are attached.

The Committee are compelled to press their claim to much more liberal support in their work. Their expenditure, in Grants to Day Schools, payments for Higher Instruction purposes, and their proportion of general charges, amounted during 1884 to £340. The amount raised during the year by congregational collections and by donations was only £260. If the Committee are to be enabled to meet these first charges on their funds, and besides, to be in any measure helpful to Sunday Schools, their annual income must be not less than £400—no very extravagant sum to be spent in guiding and fostering the Church's labours for all the youth under her care. Only 73 congregations out of 280 have contributed anything to this Committee's exchequer. They earnestly ask the Office-bearers of the remaining 200 congregations to

allow their people an opportunity of aiding an enterprise which concerns every congregation and every household.

They pray that God may bless the lambs of the flock and their many devoted teachers, and may give to themselves the means and the wisdom aright to guide and stimulate every endeavour to gain the children and the youths and maidens for Christ.

I. Bible Band.—During the past year the Daily Readings of the Committee's Bible Band were regularly published in the 'Children's Messenger.' It was consequently not possible to ascertain how many used the Readings, as it was easy to do in previous years when they could only be obtained by procuring members' cards. It is no doubt due to some extent to this publication of the Readings that the number who applied for cards was greatly reduced, amounting to only 470. At the suggestion of the Committee, questions on the Readings were prepared by the Rev. Dr. Murphy, and published monthly in the 'Messenger.' Fifty-two candidates competed in the examination, and seventeen of these sent in answers which the Editor of the 'Messenger' considered deserving of special commendation. The readings for 1885 include the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, while the Epistle of James is being committed to memory. The Rev. Alexander Jeffrey, of Ipswich, has undertaken to prepare questions and to examine and value the answers, while the Rev. Donald Matheson is publishing monthly notes on the Daily Readings. Copies of the members' cards with the Readings for the year were sent with a special circular letter to the ministers of the Church. The Committee hope that this department of their work will, in future years, be largely taken advantage of throughout the Church.

II. Sabbath Schools.—It is a source of much satisfaction to the Committee to be able to report that throughout the Church a steadily increasing interest is being taken in Sunday Schools. Perhaps as good an evidence of this as could be wished is to be found in the efforts being made in the various Presbyteries to obtain from time to time full information regarding the condition of the schools within their bounds and to establish everywhere a system of Presbyterial visitation. Sabbath School reports have always been submitted to Presbyteries, and discussed, we are aware, with much profit to the work; but regular visitation has been hitherto hindered by many difficulties, and it is all the more gratifying to be able to state that this most desirable work has throughout a large part of the Church been carried out during the past year with much vigour and encouraging success. The following brief extracts from Presbyterial Reports (several of which are very full and interesting) indicate the progress made in this and other matters:—

Berwick.—As for many previous years, this Presbytery during 1884 visited the Sabbath Schools within the bounds. The visitation was conducted by means of an exchange of pulpits. The congregations were addressed on the subject of family religion, while teachers and scholars were cheered and counselled in the work of the schools.

Birmingham.—Burton-on-Trent reports a Scholars' Service on Wednesday evenings, conducted with much success. The scholars themselves take part, by announcing hymns, reading portions of Scripture, bringing Scripture

messages, &c. A 'Band of Scripture Messengers' has recently been formed. Forty-three young people have expressed a desire to become Disciples or Messengers of the Lord Jesus. At Nottingham, a 'Young Women's Christian Association' has been formed, numbering 30 members. At Dudley, the senior classes have for some years been a regular source of supply for teachers. At Hanley, the Shorter Catechism is still appreciated. It forms part of the lesson every Sunday, and a few scholars are committing to memory part of it, with the proofs, for a reward which has been offered. At Walsall, there is what might be called 'A Week-day Sunday School,' under the title, 'The Presbyterian Church Junior Guild.' Each meeting (on Monday evenings) is attended by 70 poor children. There is a Savings' Bank connected with the Guild, with 44 depositors, as well as a Clothing Club.

Carlisle.—There is no school at Haltwhistle, but a promising school has been formed at Silloth. From one school there is a request for a Catechism simpler than the Shorter Catechism. The Presbytery's Committee strongly urge the Presbytery to institute a regular visitation of the schools.

Darlington.—Grimsby, with 32 teachers, and Prospect Street, Hull, with 64 teachers, report that all their teachers are communicants. The scholars over the Presbytery are increasing in number. The new minister at Grimsby has a Bible class of 54; and at Scarborough there is also a new Bible Class with 30 members. Spite of great depression of trade, the contributions to the China Mission have increased by £26. The Presbytery has arranged to visit the schools on April 12, by means of a general exchange of pulpits.

Liverpool.—The Presbytery visits the schools each year. From the Mission School at Rockferry (with a large number of senior scholars) the Church has received several members during the year.

London.—A visitation of all the schools (115 in number) is at present being carried out, with, it is hoped, good results.

With very few exceptions, the schools appear to be conducted on the same general lines, and they probably owe a good deal of this uniformity in detail to their all but universal connection with the Sunday School Union, from which institution nearly all the forms, roll books, &c., seem to be supplied. Judging also by the twenty-five printed catalogues which have been forwarded by the visitors, many of the books in the school libraries come from the same source. Some of the schools acknowledge grants from the Religious Tract Society and the Pure Literature Society.

The great and pressing need is that of a larger and better equipped staff of teachers, especially in the purely London and purely country schools. The Committee recommend that the Synod's Committee on the Instruction of Youth should be asked to consider whether they could not combine with their Higher Instruction Examinations an examination on the art of teaching, success at which might be recognised by certificates of competency as Sabbath School teachers.

Manchester.—A visitation of schools is annually arranged for, by means of an exchange of pulpits. Several schools have just been enlarged at considerable cost, with an immediate result of an increase of scholars. In two of the largest schools every teacher is a communicant.

Newcastle.—The Shorter Catechism is taught in every Congregational School except four, and in several Mission Schools. Visitation of the schools has not been so largely carried out during 1884 as in previous years. The Presbytery conduct an annual written examination, to which they invite

all scholars. A number passed with much credit, and prizes of books were given.

Northumberland.—The Presbytery's Committee recommend that they be allowed to institute a systematic visitation of all the schools within the bounds.

Your Committee are engaged in the preparation of a catalogue of books suitable for Sunday School libraries. As a preliminary step they have been at pains to ascertain what books have commended themselves to those who have already prepared such catalogues for various societies and churches. They intend to submit these books to an independent examination, and thus to make up a well-selected list of a few hundred volumes, to be supplemented every year or two by additional lists of new books; offering thus, they trust, a helpful guide to teachers who may be forming or increasing libraries for the use of their scholars.

At the request of the Publications' Committee, this Committee undertook the preparation of a New Year's Address to the children of the Church. The address, entitled 'Doorkeepers for Hire,' came from the pen of one long known to be gifted with the power of speaking winsomely to the young—the Rev. Dr. Edmond. Fourteen thousand copies were sold, an encouraging result for a first venture of this sort in connection with our Church.

By the kindness of the Foreign Missions' Committee their collection of magic-lantern slides, illustrative of our China Mission, was placed at the disposal of this Committee, and it has for several months been in circulation amongst Sabbath Schools for use at week-evening entertainments. Some of the missionaries are at present preparing additional views of persons and places in China and Formosa. It is hoped that by the exhibition of these pictures the interest of the young people in our noble Mission may be greatly stimulated.

The Committee propose to make arrangements for an annual examination of the scholars in our Sabbath Schools as to their knowledge of the Shorter Catechism, and they hope that friends may put it in their power to offer some slight reward (say an 'Oxford Bible') to those who show an accurate acquaintance with the Catechism.

In the course of the preliminary inquiries instituted by the Committee, to ascertain from superintendents and teachers in what manner the Committee could be of service to them in their work, there was expressed from many quarters a desire for a set of rules for the establishment and conduct of Sunday Schools. The Committee have devoted much time and consideration during the year to the preparation of such a code. As they proceeded with this task, its importance and difficulty became more and more apparent. The general practice of the schools had first to be ascertained, and then embodied in such rules as would state clearly the regulations as to which there is almost universal agreement, while on many secondary points difference of opinion and custom became evident, requiring careful consideration. The Committee have endeavoured to formulate the relations between the Church and the School so as to leave no doubt as to the legitimate authority of the Church acting through its Session, whilst carefully avoiding such rigid

enactments as might lead to friction in the actual work. They have also suggested methods regarding the choice and election of officers, and as to other details, which they believe will be useful, and which may assist in bringing about a desirable measure of uniformity throughout the Church. Some of their recommendations may not be suited to every school ; but these Model Rules are only given as suggestions in response to a wish widely expressed. (See Appendix A.)

III. *Higher Instruction*.—The ‘Higher Instruction’ section of the work of the Committee has this year reached more satisfactory results than any before attained. Not only are the competitors very considerably more than in any previous year, but a much greater number of congregations have taken part in the class work of preparation. As will be seen from the tables which follow, 96 congregations have sent in returns of work done, though in one or two instances no competitors came forward. One class of 60 and another of 40 sent no competitors. This want of competitors is, however, a comparatively small matter for regret, alongside of the satisfaction of knowing to how great an extent systematic class work of an advanced character has been carried on throughout the Church.

Last year returns were received from only 71 congregations, which reported little over 2,000 students engaged in the scheme. The 96 returns of this year report study by more than 3,000 students, though no doubt, in some instances, names are twice counted where two subjects were taught to the same individuals. In addition to these returns lectures were given in a few instances, either at week-day services or on Sunday evenings. It is worthy of note that generally the largest returns of students and competitors come from ministers’ Bible classes, which seem much more than previously to have taken up subjects in the Committee’s programme. The exceptions to the above remark are mostly in connection with the Shorter Catechism, which other senior classes in considerable numbers appear to have studied. There are, however, some very large ministers’ classes which have been engaged upon the Catechism. An interesting feature reported in one or two instances is the meeting of young men for study by themselves—one being appointed to take the lead.

The scheme has each year produced some highly satisfactory results secured in this way. Might not many young men’s Sabbath fellowship meetings find the scheme both stimulating and directive ?

The returns of study show that the Shorter Catechism has been most popular with junior pupils, and Church History with senior. The numbers engaged in the study of Old and New Testament subjects indicates a general preference in ministers’ classes for Bible subjects. In several instances ministers have added to their strictly Bible study another subject, either at a separate class or subordinate to the Bible subjects.

The following are the figures gathered from ninety-six schedules, specifying the numbers of those who have been studying in connection with the Synod scheme :—

Presbyteries	Students				
	Number of Returns	1 Samuel	Life of Peter	The Catechism	Church History
Birmingham . . .	7	14	47	1	32
Liverpool . . .	18	245	283	182	48
Bristol . . .	1	12	—	—	26
Northumberland. . .	4	52	1	3	38
Darlington . . .	7	24	61	19	2
Newcastle . . .	10	29	94	203	45
Carlisle . . .	4	74	26	30	46
Berwick . . .	5	1	94	118	4
Manchester . . .	12	68	177	100	80
London, N. . .	17	95	181	124	149
London, S. . .	11	26	71	111	200
	96	640	1035	891	670

The competitors this year largely exceed any number hitherto reached. The first year of the scheme there were 722 competitors from 74 congregations. In 1883 there were 703 competitors from 82 congregations. In 1884 there were 625 competitors from 81 congregations, and this year there are 878 competitors from 94 returns. In this number there are included sixty senior competitors from the Curbar Missionary College in the Manchester Presbytery, whose Principal is well known to several in the Church, as for many years one of the most successful teachers in the North of Scotland. At his request the students referred to have been received under this scheme of study.

Presbyteries	Returns of Examinations and Competitors for 1885						Number to be Examined on							
	Examinations	Centres	Com- petitor		Congrega- tional Returns		1 Samuel		Life of Peter		The Catechism		Church History	
							Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior
			1885	1884	1885	1884								
London, S. .	18	12	118	} 223	12	} 22	17	9	12	15	30	7	15	13
London, N. .	25	16	162		17		27	19	16	14	37	5	13	31
Darlington .	14	7	35	40	7	9	5	2	10	4	5	7	2	—
Newcastle .	14	8	68	55	8	8	7	—	8	—	19	3	11	20
Manchester .	19	11	118	79	12	9	6	30	21	12	16	30	1	12
Birmingham	8	7	42	27	9	7	4	3	17	1	1	—	13	3
Northumber- land . .	7	4	29	25	4	4	15	3	—	1	2	1	5	2
Liverpool .	29	17	181	127	17	15	30	16	46	25	52	6	3	3
Carlisle . .	8	4	52	16	4	2	16	1	7	—	25	—	2	1
Bristol . .	3	1	18	12	1	1	10	—	1	1	—	—	2	4
Berwick . .	7	2	55	21	5	4	5	—	2	2	41	1	2	2
	152	89	878	625	94	81	142	£3	140	75	228	60	69	91

It is gratifying to find that now nearly one-third of our congregations are sending competitors, though this proportion is not so equally distributed as may well be desired. The tables will show where there seems most need for fresh effort. It is probably not yet thoroughly

understood that in all cases competitors may be examined at their own church, and that there is no occasion for requiring any student to attend away from the place where class study has been carried on. A new column was inserted in this year's schedule to ascertain the occupations of those coming forward as competitors. In a large proportion of cases this has been entirely ignored in filling up the schedules. There are, however, 180 names with occupations attached, and while 'clerks,' 'teachers,' and 'scholars' are the most numerous, there are thirty-nine other occupations named, thirty-two of which are ordinary manual avocations and embrace about 100 individuals. If the results of the examinations in any measure correspond to the increased number of competitors, this will be much the most successful season of the Higher Instruction scheme.

The papers have been drawn up by the Board of Examiners appointed by last Synod, and the sub-examiners are already well known through the printed instructions sent to all superintendents of examinations.

They are as follows:—

I. SAMUEL.

Senior Division—Section A.—J. Russell, Esq., 4, Bridewell Place, New Bridge Street, London, E.C. Section B.—The Rev. A. Jeffrey, Ipswich.

Junior Division—Section A.—The Rev. W. A. Walton, M.A., B.D., 2 Bellevue, Sunderland. Section B.—The Rev. C. Friskin, Mount Pleasant, Spennymoor.

LIFE OF PETER.

Senior Division—Section A.—J. Oswald, Esq., Brook Road School, Manchester. Section B.—The Rev. A. H. Drysdale, M.A., The Manse, Morpeth.

Junior Division—Section A.—The Rev. D. Matheson, M.A., Rochamp-ton, London, S.W. Section B.—The Rev. J. D. Watters, M.A., The Manse, Cardiff.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Senior Division—Section A.—The Rev. J. Robertson, M.A., Sudley Road, Pendleton, Manchester. Section B.—The Rev. J. Wallace, M.A., Redcar, Yorkshire.

Junior Division—Section A.—Alexander Clark, Esq., M.A., 22, Rochester Square, London, N.W. Section B.—The Rev. James Fraser, M.A., 11, Eaton Road, Birkenhead.

CHURCH HISTORY.

Senior Division—Section A.—The Rev. G. Wilson, M.A., F.L.S., The Manse, Canonbury, London, N. Section B.—The Rev. J. Brown, M.A., Silloth by Carlisle.

Junior Division—Section A.—The Rev. W. Steele, M.A., Westoe Crescent, S. Shields. Section B.—The Rev. W. Ferguson, Parkneuk, Barrow-in-Furness.

The Essays are in the hands of two Committees, the Senior Essays having been handed to Dr. A. L. Simpson, of Derby (Convener), Rev. J. Watson, M.A., Liverpool, and Rev. R. Cowan, Nottingham. The Junior Essays have been entrusted to Rev. G. Johnstone, M.A., B.D., Liverpool (Convener), Rev. T. Boyd, B.A., Bishop Auckland, and Archibald Ferguson, Esq., Liverpool. Soon after the last meeting

of Synod the Committee prepared a detailed code of regulations for examiners and sub-examiners, in order to secure more perfect uniformity in the conduct of all the examinations. One other change deserves special mention. After repeated consideration it was resolved that when any competitor has secured a Synod medal more than once, book prizes will be given instead of any number of medals after the first, should the student so choose.

The scheme of study proposed for 1885-86 has been drawn so as to secure both variety and also consecutive study in respect of previous subjects, which is of course desirable. There is still much difficulty in finding text-books suitable in both quality and price, but year by year this will no doubt become more easy. As confusion has been caused in some cases by adding books for teachers to the syllabus, this has been withdrawn; but the information will be found, where desired, in the announcements of the Publications' Office of the Church. One or two books which may be read will be added to the Essay subjects on the Committee's authority. They will be given merely for suggestion, not in preference to any others to which essayists may have more ready access.

The Committee request the Synod's approval of the proposed syllabus, which is as follows:—

I. SUBJECTS FOR EXAMINATION.

1. The Reign of David.

Text-book: Thomson's 'Life of David,' par. 25 to the end (in *Bible Class Primers*).

2. The Epistle to the Romans, Chapters I.-VIII.

Text-book: Principal Brown on the Epistle to the Romans (in *Handbooks for Bible Classes*).

3. The Shorter Catechism, Questions 20-38.

Text-book for Senior Students: Whyte's Commentary on the Shorter Catechism (in *Handbooks for Bible Classes*), with the same omissions as before.

4. The Life and Times of Augustine, Bishop of Hippo.

Text-book: (*not yet fixed*).

II. SUBJECTS FOR ESSAYS.

1. For Junior Students: 'The Life of the Apostle John.'

2. For Senior Students: 'Arius and Athanasius.'

The Examination Papers set to the Candidates are appended to the Report. (Appendix B.)

IV. *Day Schools*.—The Rev. Thomas White, the Vice-Convener for Day Schools, visited all the schools last year. He reports that the impression left on his mind was very favourable. The order and discipline were admirable, the lessons were said with great correctness, and from the good Government Grants to the schools, it is evident that the teachers must have satisfied the Inspectors. The schools seem to be doing a good work, are generally held in great respect in the districts, and by means of the careful religious training in the Bible and Shorter Catechism which is given in them, many of the children are prepared for becoming members of the Church.

The Committee have made the following Grants for the current year, the same as those earned by the schools last year :—

Tweedmouth	£17 10 0
Horncliffe	15 0 0
Crookham	11 0 0
Bavington	15 0 0
Branton	10 0 0
Falstone	11 10 0
Kieldar	10 0 0
Plashetts	10 0 0
Hott	12 0 0
Wharton—(Mixed)	10 0 0
” —(Infants)	10 0 0
Risley	15 0 0
Aston Tyrrold	10 0 0

Several of the schools have asked from the Committee special help in the purchase of maps, object pictures, and books in the higher standards, which the parents are unable to procure. Mr. White considers that in most of the cases in question the things asked for are necessary to the proper equipment of the schools; and indeed not unfrequently the teachers have been obliged themselves to purchase maps, &c. The Committee request from the Synod permission to make small grants, on suitable conditions, towards the purchase of such school necessities as have been named.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under ‘Accounts of the Church,’ p. 933.]

APPENDIX A.

RULES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONDUCT OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me more than these? He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love Thee. He saith unto him, Feed My lambs.— John xxi. 15.

The Sabbath School is established to promote the Glory of God, by instructing the young in the truths of Divine Revelation, encouraging them in the early search after God, and leading them to give themselves to Him, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Love to the Lord Jesus is a first necessity for everyone engaging in this work, while for its successful prosecution sympathy with the young and aptness to teach are qualifications scarcely less important.

Relation of School to Church.

1. The School, as one of the spiritual agencies of the Church, is subject to the control of the Session, who are responsible to the Church for its proper conduct and working.

2. The appointment of School Officers and Teachers shall be subject to the approval of the Session.*

3. The Minister of the congregation is *ex-officio* Chairman at meetings of Teachers, but in his absence the Superintendent shall preside.

Superintendent.

4. The Superintendent shall be elected by the Teachers, and his name submitted to the Session: the appointment shall be for twelve months. (Where any difficulty arises the Session may appoint.)

5. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to open the School and close it, or appoint others to do so; to arrange for ordinary and special exercises, addresses, or worship; to assign (a) Teachers to the classes they are to take charge of; and (b) Scholars to the classes they shall enter; to make such changes or removals from class to class as in his judgment may be expedient; where necessary, to admonish, rebuke, or dismiss Scholars whose conduct may require it; and generally to see that the work of the School is being properly carried out.

Teachers.

6. Teachers should be selected as far as possible from the membership of the Church.

7. New Teachers shall be nominated by the Superintendent. They shall be proposed at a meeting of Teachers after at least one month's notice, and if accepted by a majority of votes, their names shall then be placed upon the Roll and reported to the Session.

8. The Teacher ought to be always in his place before the hour for opening the School. In case of unavoidable absence he is to give timely notice to the Superintendent, and, if possible, provide a substitute. He is to mark in his Class Roll the attendance of his Pupils, and visit absentees during the week; to make diligent and careful preparation of the lessons to be taught; in the class to do his utmost to preserve order, keep up attention, and use the time at his disposal to the best advantage for the end in view; and to remain with his class till it is dismissed.

9. A Teacher shall give as long notice as possible to the Superintendent of his intention to resign.

Secretary.

10. A Secretary shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to keep the Registers of the School and the Minutes of the Teachers' meetings; to supply new Teachers with a copy of the Rules; to conduct the correspondence; to prepare an Annual Statement of the School Statistics to be submitted to the first meeting of Teachers in each year; and generally to assist the Superintendent in the business of the School.

Treasurer and Auditors.

11. One of the Teachers, or the Secretary, shall be appointed Treasurer, who shall keep a record of all receipts and disbursements on account of the School, provide a Missionary box or Collecting book for each class, receive and transmit all sums collected by the School for Missionary and other objects, and present an account, audited by two Teachers duly appointed for that purpose, to the first meeting of Teachers in each year.

* In starting a new School, its first Officers and Teachers should be appointed by the Session.

Librarian.

12. A Librarian shall be appointed to take charge of the School Library, and see to the proper issue and return of books at such times as shall not interfere with the exercises of the School. It shall also be his duty to arrange for the distribution of such literature as may be authorised for circulation in the School.

Scholars.

13. Scholars are required to attend regularly and punctually, to be obedient to their Teacher, and attentive during the whole of the School hour, to be orderly in their behaviour, and generally to observe the rules and practices of the School.

14. Scholars applying for admission are to be received by the Superintendent, who shall suitably address them, requiring of them a promise to comply with the foregoing rule. Their names are to be added to the Roll after four weeks' attendance.

15. Scholars guilty of flagrant misconduct are first to be dealt with in private by the Superintendent, and if the misconduct be persisted in, are to be admonished either privately or publicly at his discretion. Only in the last resort ought a Scholar to be excluded for a time from the School or expelled altogether.

16. Scholars absenting themselves for six weeks, without proper reason, are liable to have their names removed from the Roll.

Meetings.

17. The Superintendent, Teachers, and Officers of the School shall meet once a month for purposes of devotion, business, and mutual help. Teachers are then to be nominated and elected, and other arrangements made for the efficient carrying on of the School. At these meetings the Superintendent ought to draw attention to such circumstances or incidents as may indicate progress or retrogression in the work. The Secretary shall report on the attendance of Teachers and Scholars. Teachers shall bring forward the names of any Scholars in their respective classes who have been absent for six consecutive weeks without proper reason, that such cases may be dealt with by the meeting.

18. Wherever it is found practicable, Teachers ought also to meet weekly for the purpose of studying the lessons together.

Alteration of Rules.

19. No alteration in the Rules of the School can be made except at a Teachers' meeting after two months' notice of the change proposed shall have been given in writing. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to inform the Session of such alteration as soon as made.

APPENDIX.

Suggested Order of School Service.

(1) Teachers and Scholars to be in their places *before* the hour for opening. Doors to be closed during the opening exercises.

(2) The School to be opened punctually, with praise and prayer, conducted by the Superintendent or some one appointed by him.

(3) The classes are now to be adjusted and attendance marked.

(4) Memory Lessons to be heard.

(5) Bible Lesson.

(6) Superintendent to ring his bell five minutes before the Class Lesson is to close.

(7) Immediately on the closing of the lesson, the Missionary collection is to be made.

(8) Closing Address or Examination. School Notices.

(9) The School to be closed with praise and prayer.

(10) The Scholars to be dismissed class by class.

(11) The Officers and Teachers to remain for a short time after the School has been dismissed, to ask the Divine blessing upon their labours.

APPENDIX B.

HIGHER INSTRUCTION EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 1885.

Two hours and a half allowed for answering each Paper.

I SAM. XVI.—XXXI.

Examiner:—The Rev. W. G. ELMSLIE, M.A., Professor of Hebrew in London Presbyterian College.

Junior Division.

Section A.

1. Where did Samuel anoint David? Give the names of the three oldest brothers. What Divine gift did David get, and what lesson was Samuel taught? (Value 40.)
2. Describe the locality where David fought Goliath. How was the giant armed? What did David do with his head and weapons? (Value 40.)
3. What was 'Naioth in Ramah'? What strange events happened during David's stay there? (Value 40.)
4. Give some account of—
 - (a) Shunem.
 - (b) Jezreel.(Value 30.)

Section B.

5. How was David's life endangered by the disaster of Ziklag, and what military custom did it originate? (Value 40.)
6. Give a short narrative of David's successive relations with Achish of Gath. (Value 40.)
7. Who were—
 - (a) Ahinoam,
 - (b) Abiathar,
 - (c) Abishai?(Value 30.)
8. Describe the death of Saul, and sketch the faults of character and conduct that led to his downfall. (Value 40.)

Senior Division.

Section A.

1. Describe David's first introduction at Saul's court. Discuss the nature of the king's malady. (Value 40.)
2. How was David's life saved by his wife? What is meant by 'the teraphim'? (Value 40.)
3. What aid did David receive at Nob, and what were the consequences to the inhabitants? How does Christ refer to the incident? (Value 40.)
4. State what you know of—
 - (a) Adriel.
 - (b) Doeg.
 - (c) The Hittites.(Value 30.)

Section B.

5. Relate David's doings between his flight from Gath, and occupation of the forest of Hareth, stating the number and character of his followers. (Value 40.)
 6. Give a brief account of—
 - (a) Bethlehem.
 - (b) Hebron. (Value 30.)
 7. What were the 'Urim and Thummim'? Mention the lawful and unlawful modes of seeking supernatural guidance, common at this time. (Value 40.)
 8. Sketch the chief traits of character displayed by David in this period of his history, and show how it was fitted to prepare him for his after career. (Value 40.)
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THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF THE APOSTLE PETER.

Examiner:—The Rev. W. MILLAR NICOLSON, M.A., D.Sc. (Edin.), Jersey.

Junior Division.

Section A.

1. Describe briefly Peter's birthplace and the character of the people among whom he was brought up. What occupation did he follow? How may all these things have helped to prepare him for his life-work? (Value 35.)
2. Distinguish two calls, at least, which the Lord Jesus gave to Peter to follow and serve Him. Did Peter ever go back to his former occupation? (Value 45.)
3. Where were Bethsaida (both places), Capernaum, Cæsarea-Philippi, and Joppa? What are we told about Peter in connection with those places? (Value 40.)
4. On what two occasions was there a miraculous draught of fishes? How did Peter act on each occasion? (Value 30.)

Section B.

5. Where and how were these words spoken?—
 - (a) 'Silver and gold have I none.'
 - (b) 'Feed My lambs.'
 - (c) 'Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.' (Value 40.)
 6. On what occasions is Peter seen in close alliance with John specially? Had they any features of character that would draw them together? (Value 40.)
 7. Describe briefly the thrice-repeated denial, and the effects on Peter then and afterwards. (Value 30.)
 8. What are the leading objects in Peter's two Epistles? Does he write them as a Pope or Primate? (Value 40.)
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Senior Division.

Section A.

1. Describe briefly the district where Peter was born, the population amid which he was reared, and the probable influences of his early training, occupation, and associates. (Value 30.)
2. In regard to Peter's prominence among the disciples, specify—
 - (a) Cases in which that position was due to his own action.
 - (b) Others, in which he was specially singled out, and—
 - (c) Point out any features of character which may account for all the cases. (Value 45.)
3. Describe Bethsaida (both places), Capernaum, Cæsarea-Philippi, and Joppa; and state some incidents in Peter's life connected with those places. (Value 40.)
4.
 - (a) Explain the different names of the Apostle.
 - (b) Mention which is most common in the Gospels, and which in the Epistles.
 - (c) Mark the apparent significance of their meanings on special occasions. (Value 35.)

Section B.

5.
 - (a) Mention noteworthy occasions on which Peter is seen in close alliance with John.

- (b) Were there any features of character which drew them specially together? (Value 30.)
6. (a) Describe briefly Christ's two calls to His service.
 (b) What events happened between these?
 (c) Mention any occasions on which Peter resumed, for a time, his former occupation. (Value 45.)
7. Mention the places and circumstances with which these passages were connected:—
 (a) 'Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.
 (b) 'Lord, speakest Thou this parable unto us, or even to all?'
 (c) 'I withstood him to the face because he was to be blamed.' (Value 40.)
8. Compare and contrast the two Epistles of Peter in these respects:—
 (a) Their subject-matter, or contents.
 (b) Their reception as genuine.
 (c) Is any claim to the primacy found in them? (Value 35.)

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTIONS, I.-XIX.

Examiner:—The Rev. W. WRIGHT, D.D., British and Foreign Bible Society, London.

Junior Division.

Section A.

1. State the design of Man's existence, with reference to God, and to Man himself. (Value 30.)
2. Reply to the question, 'What is God?' and comment on each item of the answer. (Value 40.)
3. Answer in your own words the question, 'What is Sin?' and illustrate your meaning. (Value 30.)
4. Mark the difference between the creation of Man and that of Other Creatures. (Value 50.)

Section B.

5. Answer the question, 'What are the decrees of God?' and explain the different parts of the answer. (Value 35.)
6. State how Adam broke the covenant of life, and point out the consequences that ensued. (Value 45.)
7. What do you mean by 'freedom of their own will'? (Value 35.)
8. Point out the condition, the test, the penalty, and the reward of the covenant that God made with Adam. (Value 35.)

Senior Division.

Section A.

1. Trace the primary and secondary meanings of the title 'Word of God,' and point out the relation of the one word to the other. (Value 35.)
2. Trace the primary and secondary meanings of the word 'Testament,' and give the historical reason why the Canonical Bible is said to be "the only rule of faith and practice." (Value 45.)
3. Explain and illustrate the threefold personality of God as distinguished from Tritheism and Sabellianism. (Value 40.)
4. In opposition to what doctrine are all things said to be made out of nothing? (Value 30.)

Section B.

5. What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created? (Value 10.)
6. How do you reconcile the statement that God created all things 'in the space of six days,' with the facts of geology? (Value 50.)
7. State the twofold purpose of Scripture teaching, and explain the terms Belief and Duty. (Value 40.)
8. Give the meaning and scope of the word Godhead. (Value 50.)

CHURCH HISTORY: THE FIRST THREE CHRISTIAN CENTURIES.

Examiner:—A. MACALISTER, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., Professor of Anatomy, Cambridge University.

Junior Division.

Section A.

1. When and where did the first great outpouring of the Holy Spirit take place on the Church? From what countries were the people of that Primitive Church drawn, and what were its leading characteristics? (Value 30.)
2. Under what circumstances was the great persecution under Nero commenced? How long did it last? What were its chief characteristics, and how did it differ from that under Trajan? (Value 40.)
3. What were the Catacombs? Describe them as they now are, and mention what traces of the early Church are to be met with there? (Value 40.)
4. What are the reasons which led the Roman authorities to persecute the Christians? What false accusations were made against the Christians? (Value 40.)

Section B.

5. What do you know of the foundation and growth of the Church at Antioch? Why was this a centre favourable for the development of a Missionary Church? What do we know of the persons who took a prominent part in this early Church? (Value 40.)
6. What was the general scope of the preaching of the Apostle Paul, and how do you explain the substantial unity of the Apostolic teachings? (Value 30.)
7. What is the 'Apostles' Creed'? What do you know of its simple form, and about what date did it assume the form in which it has come to us? (Value 40.)
8. Give a brief account of the condition of Heathenism and Judaism at the period of the birth of our Lord. (Value 40.)

Senior Division.

Section A.

1. Trace the successive Missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul. (Value 30.)
2. What were the characteristics of the public worship of the Christian Church in the immediately post-Apostolic period? What traces have we of its praise and preaching? (Value 50.)
3. Give and comment upon the causes of the rapid spread of Christianity assigned by Gibbon. (Value 30.)
4. What were the prominent heresies which arose within the first century? What traces have we of these in the New Testament? Give any particulars you may know of those who propagated these systems. (Value 40.)

Section B.

5. Who was Tertullian? At what period did he live? What is the nature of the testimony which he bore to the spread of the Church in his time? (Value 30.)
6. What was the attitude towards Christianity of the several Emperors who ruled between A.D. 200 and 250? How can you explain the motives which influenced them? What persecutions took place in this period, and by what special features were any of these characterised? (Value 50.)
7. What are the Christian uninspired writings of the Apostolic age which have come down to us? What are their principal characters, and what their chief value? (Value 30.)
8. What is known of the Missionary labours of the Apostle John? (Value 40.)

APPENDIX C.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

HIGHER INSTRUCTION SCHEME, 1885.

REPORTS ON EXAMINATIONS.

A. STATEMENTS OF RESULTS.

THE results of the Examination this year are much more encouraging than on any previous occasion. The number of those who have passed exceeds the entire number of competitors last year. The work, also, is more thorough and intelligent, while the rejected papers are comparatively few. The figures given below indicate the proportion of study and success in the different subjects. The Reports of the Examiners-in-Chief indicate their judgment of the character of the papers revised by them. It is but right to add that sub-examiners have generally written in similar terms of commendation of the papers as a whole. The Committee earnestly trust that the impulse which this scheme has received will be maintained and extended.

SENIORS.

	Medals	Distinction	Credit	Diplomas	Total
1 Samuel	11	22	28	12	73
Peter	3	5	22	20	50
Shorter Catechism . .	9	4	9	4	26
Church History . . .	—	9	50	9	68
Essays	*3	2	7	4	16
Total	26	42	116	49	233

* One of these only is a prize; the others, not being eligible for prizes under Essay regulations, receive medals.

JUNIORS.

	Medals	Distinction	Credit	Certificates	Total
1 Samuel	5	24	64	25	118
Peter	5	21	48	27	101
Shorter Catechism . .	7	14	68	46	135
Church History . . .	—	6	36	6	48
Essays	*3	5	2	3	13
Total	20	70	218	107	415

* Prizes in Books are given in Essay subjects, under regulations previously made public. The three scheduled above receive prizes.

B. REPORTS OF EXAMINERS-IN-CHIEF.

1. *I. Samuel Papers.*

The papers have been for the most part admirably done, especially in the Senior Division. The answers indicate careful preparation, quick

intelligence, and accuracy in seizing the points of a question. The papers differ widely in respect of literary form and workmanship, but I think it right to say that one or two in the Junior Section, and several in the Senior, would be counted models of neatness even in our highest academic examinations.

W. GRAY ELMSLIE.

2. *Life of Peter Papers.*

I now send the results of the Examination on Peter.

Of the Senior, three have earned 90 per cent., and five of the Junior. Five more of the Senior have gained above 75 per cent. marks, and nine Junior. All have shown a creditable amount of information and intelligence. Indeed, some of the papers of the Junior candidates are very ably written. To a careful study of the subject they add, at times, shrewd and original observations, which give evidence of intellectual and spiritual gifts of no small calibre. The other Examiners have done their work with great pains, and I am under special obligations to Revs. D. Matheson and Watters for their careful study of the papers. I have examined all of these carefully.

W. MILLAR NICOLSON.

3. *Catechism Papers.*

DEAR SIR,—The two dozen papers submitted to me were those that stood highest in order of merit; and I am happy to be able to say that, while all the replies were creditable, many of them were of very high merit. In nearly every case the questions were fully understood, and the replies were clearly expressed.

I was not called upon to exercise leniency towards faults in orthography or grammar, and the high marks which I have been able to give have been awarded on the strict lines of justice, and with no element of generosity. The pupils who receive medals for replies to my questions may feel assured that they have earned them by careful, thorough preparation and accurate answering.

I was pleased to notice that some of the answers bore evidence of extensive reading beyond the limits of the text-book.

Yours faithfully,

W. WRIGHT, D.D.

4. *Church History Papers.*

MY DEAR SIR,—I have gone over the papers sent to me, and marked them carefully up to a standard of 300 as a maximum. The answering on the whole shows more thought than did that of last year, and most of the candidates have shown an intelligent acquaintance with the facts in the text-book. In the senior division the first and second candidates (4105, 4090) answered very well indeed; and had not No. 4105 missed out one question, he would have probably had even a higher score. Those from third to seventh on the list are also good; indeed, there is very little difference in value between their papers.

Among the juniors 3087 is decidedly the best, and 3078 comes

close to it; then there is not much difference in value among the succeeding four.

All round, spelling and composition are fairly good; only three have very gross blunders in orthography.

Faithfully yours,

ALEX. MACALISTER.

5. *Junior Essays.*

All the Essays show careful reading and accurate knowledge of the main facts of Calvin's life. These facts have been put together with different measures of literary skill and insight, having in varying degrees such faults as are to be looked for in beginners—wordiness, fine writing, want of proportion. Of the sixteen Essays sent in, three are placed in the First class, entitled to receive medals; five in the Second class, entitled to receive certificates 'with distinction;' two in the Third class, entitled to receive certificates 'with credit;' three in the Fourth class, entitled to certificates. The remaining three, though showing diligent reading, fall, through general weakness, short of the prescribed standard.

G. JOHNSTONE, *Convener.*

6. *Senior Essays.*

The Essays in this division are not quite as numerous this year as they were last; nor, taken as a whole, do they reach the same level of merit. In most of them, however, there is abundant evidence of diligence, earnest endeavour, considerable knowledge, and devoutness of feeling, while there are none but may be perused with a measure of satisfaction.

One or two things may be mentioned as requiring to be attended to by the Essayists; carefulness, for example, to fix in their minds, the precise terms of the subject assigned by the Synod's Committee. From the neglect of this, apparently, several of the writers have made their task much more difficult than it need have been. Instead of simply taking up 'The Teaching of the New Testament on the Personality and Work of the Holy Spirit,' they have gone into disquisitions on the Nature, Relations, &c., of the Trinity, in which, as might have been expected, they 'found no end in wandering mazes lost.'

A second consequence of not strictly adhering to the terms of the subject, is, that several of the writers have occupied themselves with the History of Opinion with regard to the Holy Spirit—touching upon the various heresies which have emerged from time to time; overlooking the fact that the subject was the teaching of the New Testament, and not that of Churches or Councils.

There was also in some of the Essays a tendency to 'sermonise,' which ought to be avoided, as it does not belong to the idea of an Essay.

The Examiners, however, have much pleasure in reporting on the Essays, as affording decided encouragement to the Synod and its Committee in this most important work.

A. L. SIMPSON,

Convener.

XII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

IN presenting this Report (the sixth since a separate Committee on Temperance was appointed, the fourth since the Synod established the Presbyterian Church of England Temperance Society, and placed the same under our care), we are glad to say there has been considerable progress made along the lines that have hitherto guided us in our action. Our efforts have been mainly directed towards keeping the subject well within the notice of Presbyteries, and encouraging special Temperance work in the Congregations. We have made it a point to carry out the latter object chiefly through the medium of Presbytery Committees; and we are now able to state that, with the exception of the smallest Presbytery, that of Bristol, the whole ground is covered in the way desired. As will be seen from the digest of their reports, most of these Committees furnish evidence that they are prosecuting their work with care and activity; and the practical steps taken by them in several instances show what valuable help may be rendered by the thorough establishment and earnest working of this system throughout the Church. We would call special attention to the starting of a Band of Hope Union in the Manchester Presbytery, and the action recommended by the London Presbytery in connection with the Licensing Sessions.

It is matter for congratulation that once more advance has been made in the number of organisations; and we would in this connection express our indebtedness to the Statistical Committee for increased help given in the collecting of information as to the number and strength of the branches of our Society. We have regarded as included in the Society all Temperance organisations in connection with our Congregations, leaving the local authorities to decide, in their varying circumstances, whether to carry on their work on the single, or on the double basis.

The chief part of our Congregational activity lies in Band of Hope work. So widespread is that movement now, that we feel emboldened to ask why it is not universal. There can be very few Congregations where there are not Temperance advocates more than willing to undertake this service.

Your Committee feel that as the number of organisations increases, the duty is more strongly laid upon them to do what they can to help to bring these into a state of vigour and efficiency. One way, among others, in which it seems to them this end might well be sought, is by a judicious use of literature on Temperance topics. During the past year attention has been paid to this subject, and a beginning has been made, but they hope in the future to do much more in this direction.

DIGEST OF PRESBYTERY REPORTS.

Berwick.—Temperance work is being prosecuted by at least two-thirds of the Congregations. The adult society in connection with Wallace Green Church has a membership of 161, besides the Band of Hope numbering 70. A Band of Hope commenced at Spittal during the past year has 102 on the roll. The ministers of several Congregations take a leading part in denominational Temperance efforts.

Birmingham.—The detailed report of this Committee shows that the large majority of the Congregations are earnestly occupied in special Temperance efforts. There are several adult societies doing good work. New John Street, Birmingham, has a roll of 90 members, holding fortnightly meetings with an average attendance of 45. There are many flourishing Bands of Hope. Walsall, 200 members; 100, average attendance.

Carlisle.—The Committee's Report to Presbytery states that, while at present the only special organisations are Bands of Hope, assistance is given by ministers and others in united efforts, and good prospects are seen of an advance in the matter of organisation during the present year.

Darlington.—The Convener writes that in nearly all the Congregations Temperance work is being carried on by Bands of Hope, adult societies, or both.

Liverpool.—Within this Presbytery Temperance work receives a considerable amount of attention, several of the ministers taking a leading part in public movements for the restriction of the liquor traffic. Twenty Congregations report special organisations, comprising eight adult societies, seventeen Bands of Hope, and eight societies with both juvenile and adult members. Twenty-seven out of these thirty-three societies show a total strength of 4,131. The Fairfield Congregation has a Temperance Benefit Society.

London.—In this Presbytery new work has been begun in sixteen places, so far as statistics can be gathered. Out of eighty-one Congregations (inclusive of three preaching stations), fifty-seven have special work of some kind. The Committee's Report to Presbytery mentions the desirability of adult societies being provided for the benefit of those leaving Bands of Hope; and the Presbytery in its resolution 'urges all Sessions to be diligent in the use of the best means to deal with the problem of abounding intemperance, and specially calls their attention to the opportunity afforded in their several districts by the approaching Licensing Sessions for efforts to prevent the undue increase or even secure the desirable decrease of licensed temptations to intemperance.'

Manchester.—The Committee, in its Report to Presbytery, states that 'there are evidences of an increased amount of interest being taken within the bounds in the important subject of Temperance.' Out of 30 Congregations there are only three or four where there is no special organisation on behalf of Temperance. Some of the societies are very large. At the Union Street Mission (Brunswick Street, Manchester) 934 pledges have been taken in four years; 600 remain on the roll, 150 being adults. During the past year a Band of Hope Union for the Presbytery has been set on foot, which has provided speakers for Band of Hope meetings, and started a movement for the encouragement of choral music of a superior kind.

Newcastle.—The Report to Presbytery expresses the belief that the Temperance sentiment is rising and attaining decided strength, and that any action on the part of the legislature to restrict the liquor traffic would be as warmly supported as in former years. 'A really large amount of good Temperance work has been done, not merely in interesting our members and their

children, but also in furthering the cause of Temperance amongst the community.' A recommendation of the Committee was adopted, 'That whenever the occasion demands the Presbytery and the different Congregations petition the Legislature in support of the Sunday Closing Bill.'

Northumberland.—The Presbytery has adopted recommendations of its Temperance Committee in favour of (1) the formation of Bands of Hope and adult societies wherever practicable, and (2) petitioning for Sunday Closing.

At our request the Statistical Committee placed on the schedules a form to be filled up with a description of the Temperance organisations in the Congregations, and the returns thus furnished show the following results :—

Number of Congregations in Presbytery		Number having Tem- perance Organi- sations	Number report- ing New Societies	Number of Societies			
				Adult	Juvenile	Com- bined	Total
Berwick . . .	17	7	1	4	3	1	8
Birmingham . . .	15	10	3	2	7	1	10
Bristol	9	4	1	1	2	1	4
Carlisle	15	6	—	—	9	—	9
Darlington . . .	19	10	—	3	8	—	11
Liverpool	31	20	1	8	17	8	33
London	80	47	6	14	42	1	57
Manchester . . .	30	23	4	5	18	8	31
Newcastle . . .	42	24	5	7	24	—	31
Northumberland .	25	3	—	1	1	1	3
Total	283	154	21	45	131	21	197

Thirty-two Congregations reported organisations last year that now make no return ; but it is known that in some of these cases the work is still being carried on.

Of the 197 societies, 171 give statistics of membership, of which the following is a summary :—

Presbytery	Juvenile Societies		Adult Societies		Combined Societies		Total	
	No.	Members	No.	Members	No.	Members	No.	Members
Berwick	3	232	3	241	1	60	7	533
Birmingham . .	7	733	1	40	1	90	9	863
Bristol	—	—	1	85	1	100	2	185
Carlisle	8	680	—	—	—	—	8	680
Darlington . . .	7	830	2	130	—	—	9	960
Liverpool	16	2,920	7	631	4	580	27	4,131
London	40	3,801	9	1,079	1	60	50	4,940
Manchester . . .	17	2,053	2	212	8	1,326	27	3,591
Newcastle . . .	16	2,229	7	760	6	309	29	3,298
Northumberland .	1	59	1	100	1	25	3	175
Total	115	13,528	33	3,278	23	2,550	171	19,356

In closing this Report we would remind the Church that, notwithstanding the efforts of the past, there has been as yet hardly any appreciable diminution of England's Drink Bill, which, representing as it does a frightful amount of extravagance, and the most fruitful source of crime, cannot but be regarded as a disgrace to our civilisation, and a standing menace to the religious life of the nation. We rejoice in the evidence given, that our Congregations are using direct and energetic means to encounter this gigantic evil; but, realising how much still remains to be done, we would renew our appeal to all the Office-bearers and members of the Church to give the work their warmest sympathy, their fervent prayers, and their cordial co-operation.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

JAMES TOWERS,

Convenor.

XIII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROVISION
FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR SOLDIERS
AND SAILORS, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

WITH a few exceptions the number of Presbyterian soldiers quartered in the military centres of England during the past year has been comparatively small, a circumstance which probably accounts for the fact that several of the Acting Chaplains have failed to send in an annual report of work done as desired by the Synod's Committee.

Reports have been received from the following Chaplains:—The Revs. J. B. Thorburn, Birmingham; William Fraser, Brighton, and Portsmouth, *pro tem.*; W. Harvey Jellie, Canterbury; J. Mitchell, Chester; R. Balgarnie, Gravesend; H. C. Wilson, Eastbourne; H. Millican, Guernsey; Alex. Jeffrey, Ipswich; W. Millar Nicolson, Jersey; J. W. Miller, Leicester; S. MacNaughton, Preston; William Wood, Plymouth; J. Nisbet Wallace, Shrewsbury; James Warnock, Warrington; and R. S. Coffey, Bradford.

A few extracts from some of the reports are subjoined, in the belief that the statements of work done, together with suggestions made, will prove interesting and valuable.

It is gratifying to your Committee to be able to report that through the exertions of the Rev. W. Fraser, Moderator of Portsmouth session during the vacancy, the Chaplaincy has been regained for the Minister of our Church. Mr. Fraser states that when quartered in Portsmouth, the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders attended the Church, and emphasised their recognition of the welcome given them by the civilian congregation by presenting a handsome pulpit Bible, a facsimile of that used by the late distinguished minister and ecclesiastic, the Rev. James Begg, D.D.

A presentment was made to the War Office by your Committee to the effect that the Presbyterian Church of England should not be overlooked in the appointments made to Commissioned Chaplaincies. To this presentment Colonel Deedes replied on behalf of Mr. Secretary Childers in the following terms:—

‘I am to inform you that as the main body of Presbyterian soldiers doubtless belong either to the Scotch or Irish Presbyterian Churches, the

Secretary of State thinks it right that the Commissioned Chaplains of that denomination should be selected from those bodies.'

Strong in the belief that the spiritual interests of Presbyterian troops in the field would only be properly attended to by the different Presbyterian Churches in Great Britain and Ireland presenting a united front at the War Office, your Committee entered into correspondence with the three great Presbyterian Churches in Scotland, and with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, with a view to secure their object. In all cases a strong desire has been shown to have fitting men, and these in sufficient numbers, sent to the front; and generally speaking, the suggestion of united action has been cordially responded to; it will necessarily take some time, however, before the matter can be definitely issued one way or another.

Your Committee feel sure that the Synod must cherish a very lively sense of the bravery and endurance now being exhibited by our fighting men in Egypt and on the Nile under peculiarly trying circumstances; and while deploring the existence of war and bloodshed, they are persuaded that the deepest sympathy will go out to the sick and wounded in the field, and to the bereaved and anxious at home. The spirit of Christianity, no less than patriotism, constrains us to pray that God may shield the heads of our brave warriors in the day of battle, give calmness and evenness of mind to our nation in the season of peril and perplexity, and as ruling among the inhabitants of the earth, so order all events that the kingdom of the Redeemer may be extended, that men may be blessed in Him, and all nations call Him blessed.

Extracts from Reports of Acting Chaplains.

The Rev. W. Harvey Jellie, *Canterbury*, reports:—

During the year such heavy drafts have left this depôt in consequence of the Egyptian War that our barracks have at times become very deserted. Among the new recruits who have filled the vacancies the number of Presbyterians is unusually small. The average attendance at my church on Sabbath mornings is twenty-eight. These frequent changes in our depôt have rendered it difficult to establish close relationship with the men or to muster them at meetings; so that the hospital visits have allowed me almost the only hopeful opportunity of personal dealings with them. In this ministry to the invalids the most has been made of the occasion for earnest and direct appeals; and certainly this hospital work has not been unattended with touching and cheering incidents. The record of one occurrence may suffice to indicate how a sacred ministry may be fulfilled in such scenes.

Early in May last a poor fellow underwent a terrible operation, which brought him to the very gates of death; no hope was entertained of his surviving many days. Walter Rowland, of the 12th Lancers, was a member of the Episcopal Church, but as no Chaplain paid him heed, I was appealed to on the dying lad's behalf, and instantly went. It was a heart-aching sight: that fine fellow torn with agonies, gasping for breath, and battling with death. Seated by his side I spoke to him the 'wonderful words of life,' and pointed him to the sinner's Refuge. Any observer would have been melted to have witnessed the fever-eagerness with which, conscious how near his end was, he gathered in the precious truths of grace in Jesus Christ. Having no

Bible with me I asked for one, but there was not a Bible in any ward of the entire hospital. Here was a soul on the verge of eternity being allowed to die without Chaplaincy attention (had I not found him), and not a Bible within reach from which a comrade might read a helpful word! That afternoon I took a Bible to Ward 5, Block A, having first written my name in the cover, that the responsibility of its being there might be traced to me if the act became challenged, and on the fly-page I marked a list of chapters as 'suited to be read to the sick or dying.' Having spoken and prayed with Rowland, I gave the book into the care of his ward friend Bowly, who promised daily to read it to him.

This incident showed me the necessity of placing a copy of the Holy Scriptures in every ward of the hospital, of which there are about twenty. In each case, when I presented the Bible to the ward, I used the opportunity for pleading with the men (and they were of all denominations) to take care of the sacred Book, and both boldly to read it themselves and be ready, in all times of illness and danger, to light up the 'dark valley' for a comrade by reading God's gracious words of mercy and redemption. In every Bible I wrote the list of suitable chapters, for the men know little of the contents of the Book, or where to find such readings as a departing soul would crave to hear.

You will enter into my delight to learn that I found those Bibles not neglected. On several occasions I have seen invalids who knew nothing of my having taken the Scriptures into hospital reading as they lay in their beds. I confess to especial pleasure over one lad who was a Roman Catholic, and with whom I had some cheery talk about the saving doctrines of religion.

But poor Rowland, whose illness led to the supply of Bibles to the hospital, rallied, and seemed on the way to some kind of recovery. It was always a pleasure to see him and talk with him. In October, however, a relapse ensued, and he died. It was a rapid departure. Feeling himself very ill he called up a comrade at midnight, and said he was near the end. Then he spoke about me and my visits, and asked if one of Mr. Jellie's Bibles was in that ward (No. 4, Block A). Coxall, himself a sufferer, and wholly unfamiliar with Scripture, searched and found the Book, but knew not where to read. Rowland directed him to the chapters marked by me in the cover; and there, in the depth of night and on till towards day, this generous fellow read chapter after chapter from the list—Psalms xvi., xxiii., li., and John iii., xiv.—and so comforted the dying soldier with words of Divine compassion, till the shadows fled away and death closed all. It was a most touching recital, as Coxall, since invalided, told me it, and has left in my heart a burning joy that the Bible placed in that ward by me upheld a soul in its passing hours with assurances of the Saviour's merits and love.

And so as God gives us opportunity we strive to do our work, often disheartened by the frivolity and heedlessness of the troops, but sometimes gladdened and rewarded by such proofs that 'our labour is not in vain in the Lord.'

The Rev. W. Millar Nicolson, M.A., D.Sc., *Jersey*, reports:—

The work among the soldiers here has been steadily carried on during the past year. Our numbers are much fewer at present, owing to the depletion caused by the African expeditions. Though we have had English regiments here of late the most intelligent and well-behaved of the non-commissioned officers are generally Presbyterians. We have also retired officers attending our Church.

On general matters, it would be a vast improvement if the short service system were supplemented by some such arrangements as these:—

1. Higher inducements to the best behaved men to remain with the colours after the six or seven years—such as higher pay, &c.

2. A vastly greater proportion of married men after that period, as an inducement to morality in the recruits and younger soldiers. Considering the enormous proportion off duty at all times, as the result of immorality, I am more and more convinced that it would not only not be a financial loss, but even a saving, whilst the tone and calibre of the army would be raised.

3. All ought to be taught trades, to employ their spare time, and prepare them for returning to civil life with profit to the country.

The Rev. H. Millican, *Guernsey*, reports:—

The number of troops under my charge in garrison here has varied considerably during the year; but at the end of the year there were close upon 50 men of the Royal Artillery and the Royal Irish Rifles. I am glad to be able to speak in commendation of their general conduct. Throughout the year there has been but one case in hospital traceable to dissolute habits. That will strike those who reflect upon the temptations to which our soldiers are exposed as a highly gratifying fact—a fact which, in view of any attempt to improve the status of our Chaplains or officiating Ministers, would, if true of our men in the garrisons generally, have some influence upon the War Office authorities. I have great pleasure in expressing a well-grounded belief that some of the men are being spiritually benefited. I can always reckon upon having a good proportion of them at the Sabbath evening service, and some of them are regular attendants at the week-evening services. At tea meetings and popular lectures in connection with our Church they are always very conspicuous. This, I have no doubt, is largely due to the friendly notice they receive from the civilian part of our congregation.

The Rev. Joseph Wood, *Plymouth*, reports:—

I have to report that I have had under my care during the year 1884 on an average 719 men:—Soldiers, 566; sailors, 126; marines, 27; total—719.

During part of the year we had at this station two Highland regiments: at present there is but one, the Gordon Highlanders. This regiment is more purely Scotch than the 74th Highland Light Infantry, which recently left for India; and consequently yields us a larger proportion of Presbyterians.

The Band of the regiment plays the men to Church on the Sabbath morning, and the finer instruments are used to assist the psalmody.

A Bible reading for officers is conducted weekly at the Soldiers' Home, which my Elder, Colonel Anderson, and myself frequently attend.

A religious instruction class for the boys of the Band and for the children of the Garrison I conduct every week. The sailor boys on board H.M. training ships come on shore every Sabbath, and one of our members, General Tripe, takes charge of them; and here I would desire to place on record the excellent service this Christian officer is rendering our Church and the cause of Christ; for not only on the Sabbath but during the week he prosecutes his good work amongst the boys of H.M. Navy.

There are many opportunities afforded for speaking personally to the men during the periodical visitation of the hospitals, and here we meet with much encouragement.

The work of Gospel Temperance is energetically promoted by Colonel Anderson amongst the men who frequent the Soldiers' Home. There are few nights in the week when the Colonel is not found earnestly and lovingly pursuing this work.

We reported last year that at that date our Church was in a dismantled condition, owing to the recent fire. We are now comfortably accommodated in our restored building, and have provided additional seats in our gallery for the use of the Military, but even these at times are not sufficient.

The importance of having Presbyterian ordinances provided at this great Naval and Military station is proved by the very fact that at times we have had as many as one thousand men under our care. The work is great, the responsibility is heavy—may the Lord enable us to be faithful!

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

JAMES CHRISTIE,

Convener.

Recommendation of the Committee:—*That the Committee be re-appointed and recommended to continue their labours for the moral and spiritual well-being of Presbyterian Soldiers and Sailors.*

XIV.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

THE Committee have to report that the Journals of the Church have been issued regularly during the year.

The Committee regret that the circulation of the 'Messenger' has been for some time decreasing. The decrease has not been such as to cause any loss on the Publication account; but it is sufficiently obvious to demand the earnest attention of the Synod, especially in its probable effect upon the other funds of the Church. Your Committee therefore respectfully suggest that the Synod should take such steps as in its wisdom it may see fit, to deepen the interest in the 'Messenger,' and to secure for it a more adequate circulation.

The circulation of the 'Children's Messenger' amounts to nearly 27,000 copies monthly, of which 3,250 are sent to the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, where, with a local cover, it is circulated throughout the Sabbath Schools. The gross profit on this journal is £151 4s. 9d.

'Our Sisters in other Lands' has been regularly published for the Women's Missionary Association.

The sales of the different editions of the 'Shorter Catechism,' published by the Committee, have yielded a profit of £7 18s. 10d. Some impetus was given to the sales of the 'Catechism' towards the end of the year by the work of the Synod's Committee on the Instruction of Youth.

The cheap edition of the 'Confession of Faith,' issued by the Committee, has not yet covered the cost of its production.

The trading account of the year has yielded a gross profit of £456 18s. 6d. The sale of 'Church Praise' still continues an important element in the Committee's business. About 17,000 copies have been sold during the year, at an average value of nearly two shillings per copy.

The total gross profits from these various sources amount to £758 7s. 7d. From this has to be deducted the executive expenses, which, as set out in the treasurer's statement, amount to £668 7s. 11d. The balance of £89 19s. 8d. is the nett profit to the Committee's credit at the close of the year. The Committee request the authority of the Synod to transfer this sum to the credit of the capital Fund, which would by this amount be raised to a total of £440.

Under the direction of the author, a cheap issue, in paper covers, of the new edition of Mr. Donald Matheson's 'Narrative of the Church's Mission in China' has been prepared. This work is the only volume that contains a complete account of our Foreign Mission work, and can now be had from the Committee for sixpence nett. The Committee urge the importance, in the interests of the Church's work in the East, of securing for this volume a wide circulation.

The New Year's Address to the young people of the Church, 'Door-

keepers for Hire,' prepared by the Rev. John Edmond, D.D., at the request of your Committee and that on the Instruction of Youth, was published, and no less than 12,500 copies were sold. The copies remaining on hand when the sale ceased were, through the liberality of a few friends, who presented the necessary funds for the purpose to the Committee, sent free of charge to several schools, where the address would not otherwise have been distributed. The Committee, encouraged by the success of this first New Year's Address, are considering the desirability of illustrating the address for next year, and otherwise improving its appearance, in the hope that it may secure a still larger circulation. '

During the year the Committee have published, on the responsibility of their authors, a cheap edition of 'The Holy Supper: a Manual for young Communicants,' by the Rev. Dr. W. Kennedy Moore; and 'Congregational Praise,' by the Rev. R. Cowan, M.A., being a sermon preached at Nottingham on the occasion of the introduction of 'Church Praise.'

A collecting book for Juvenile Missionary Associations, prepared by Mr. A. Fraser, of Sale, has been published, with the object of developing systematic giving for mission work among young people. The Committee desire to draw attention to this new evidence of Mr. Fraser's interest in their work, and to his generous gift of the proceeds of the sale of the collecting book to the Committee, by his defraying the whole cost of its production.

The Committee have had on sale the papers and pledge forms adopted by the Synod's Committee on Temperance; they have also supplied copies of the text-books recommended by the Synod's Committee on the Instruction of Youth, and have kept in stock a number of works bearing on the subjects of examination suitable for teachers and students. The greatest demand has been for the 'Life of Peter,' and the 'History of the First Three Centuries of the Church,' which have apparently been the favourite subjects.

The Committee have the satisfaction to report that their secretary, on the occasion of a recent visit to Philadelphia, entered into negotiations with the Publication Board of the Presbyterian Church of America, and obtained terms which will enable the Committee to offer the valuable publications of that Board on favourable terms to the members of the Church.

The steadily increasing work of the Committee is carried on under somewhat unfavourable conditions, from the limited accommodation in their present premises. For some time your Committee have been considering the necessity of removing to larger rooms; and this is now imperative, as notice has been received, terminating at an early date the tenancy of the present premises, owing to the owners requiring them for their own business. The Committee trust that a suitable place may be found in the locality, where for five years they have carried on their work, and that they may with enlarged accommodation be able to serve the Church with greater efficiency.

J. M. GIBSON, *Convener*.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' page 935.]

XV.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PRAISE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

THE Committee have great pleasure in reporting the continued success of the new Hymn-book, 'Church Praise,' during the past year. Although, strictly speaking, it is not within their province to report on it, yet, as this Committee was appointed to superintend the important branch of Divine Service which it represents, they deem it their duty to keep the Church informed regarding the progress made by the Hymnal. The Treasurership Committee will doubtless be able to make a very encouraging statement as to the *financial* success of the book; this Committee contents itself with the statement that in other respects there is abundant reason for congratulation and thanksgiving.

The Committee has now completed its scheme for the improvement of the Service of Praise throughout the congregations of the Church. That scheme briefly is—a Committee on Public Praise in every Presbytery, an Association for the practice of sacred music in every town and district, and a class, or classes, for instruction in music in every congregation. In many Presbyteries such a Committee has been appointed. Associations have also been formed in some places, notably in Liverpool and Manchester, where Services of Praise have been given by united choirs with some measure of success. The Committee is not aware, however, to what extent congregations have complied with the recommendation of the Synod of last year that classes for instruction in the theory and practice of music should be maintained or commenced, but hope to be able during the ensuing year to give considerable impulse to this important means of improving the services of the sanctuary.

The principal work of the Committee during the past twelve months has consisted in giving effect to the deliverance of the Synod of 1884 in regard to 'School Praise.' That deliverance, it will be remembered, required that all the hymns embraced in Index XI. of the larger Hymnal should also find a place in the smaller, in order that both Hymn-books may be used together, without confusion, in the Sunday-schools of the Church. On that condition only would the Synod comply with the memorial of Messrs. J. Nisbet and Co., and give its sanction to the book. In carrying out, however, the instructions of the Synod's remit, the Committee discovered that in finding room for the twelve hymns not contained in 'School Praise,' a number of favourite hymns and tunes for children had to be removed, owing to the difficulty of dealing with stereotype plates in both the music editions and the book of words. They therefore deemed it their duty to embrace the oppor-

tunity of improving the book, and rendering it as useful and popular as the limits within which they felt themselves confined would permit. The result, it is hoped, will be found to be eminently satisfactory. Copies of the book will be sent to members of Synod as soon as possible, in order that they may form their opinion of it, calmly and deliberately, before it receives the final imprimatur. Compared with other children's hymnals, it is believed that, for size and price, 'School Praise' is not inferior to the best of them; and the Committee earnestly hope that Ministers and Office-bearers, especially Sunday-school superintendents and teachers, will see it to be in the interest of our Sunday-schools to adopt a collection which they feel sure will be for years the source of much edification and pleasure.

In conclusion, the Committee beg leave most respectfully to suggest to the Synod the importance of making music a branch of study in the College of our Church. The expense thereby incurred would be small, while the ultimate profit unquestionably would be great. With a Hymnal like 'Church Praise,' containing a large number of new and beautiful tunes, it would obviously be of great advantage that our Ministers should be able to make a right use of the treasures at their command, instead of confining their selection to old and hackneyed strains, or leaving it entirely in the hands of organists, choirmasters, or precentors. The students themselves, there is reason to believe, would hail the institution of a music-class, under a thoroughly competent instructor, as an agreeable relief in the midst of severe studies; while the outcome would speedily become visible in the improved taste and greater skill in church-music of the congregations of which, at no distant date, they are likely to become the pastors.

In name of the Committee,

W. RIGBY MURRAY,

Convener.

XVI.

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

THE Judicial Committee have the pleasure of reporting that, as they are appointed to give counsel to Presbyteries in cases of libel, and as happily no such case has transpired during the year, there has occurred no occasion for their services.

W. McCRAW,

Convener.

XVII.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

§ 1. RETURNS ON PARITY OF PRESBYTERS.

IN accordance with your instructions we have received from Presbyteries the returns on the Darlington Overture, and, having tabulated the same, we lay them on the table of the Synod. The Overture before the Synod in 1883 was to the effect that ‘The Synod remit the Book of Order to the Committee on Law and Historical Documents, with instructions so to change it that the parity of Presbyters may be shown; and in particular, that it may be so framed that any member of a Church Court may be chosen Moderator of such Court.’ The Synod referred the Overture to the consideration of the Committee appointed on the case of the application from Seacombe, and in 1884 that Committee, by five to two, reported ‘That the parity of Presbyters is a principle of this Church; but from regard both to venerable usage, and to practical considerations of convenience, it is not expedient to make the alteration as to the Moderatorship proposed in the Darlington Overture.’ The Synod, on the reception of the report, resolved to send down the Overture to the Presbyteries of the Church, with instructions to consider it, and report to next Synod; and the results of their consideration are as follows:—

The Presbytery of Berwick agreed ‘that they did not see any reason for re-opening the question.’

The Presbytery of Birmingham—‘That the parity of Presbyters in rule is a principle of this Church, but from regard both to venerable usage and to practical considerations of convenience, the Presbytery deems it inexpedient to make the alteration on the Moderatorship proposed in the Darlington Overture.’

The Presbytery of Bristol unanimously resolved ‘That the Presbytery see no reason to depart from the use and wont of the Presbyterian Church in this matter.’

The Presbytery of Carlisle unanimously found in ‘the terms of the recommendation made by the Committee of Synod.’

The Presbytery of Darlington unanimously agreed to ‘approve of the Darlington Overture.’

The Presbytery of Liverpool resolved ‘That, whilst not fully approving of the Darlington Overture, recommend that the restrictive expressions introduced in the Book of Order with respect to the eligi-

bility to the office of Moderatorship of Presbyteries and Synod be deleted.'

The Presbytery of London, after discussion, and by a majority of 33 against 27, resolved 'That this Presbytery is of opinion that no sufficient reason has been shown for altering the long-established and general usage of appointing Ministers as the Moderators of Church Courts, except in such special cases as may be ordered otherwise by the Synod.'

The Presbytery of Manchester resolved, by a majority of 19 to 5, 'That it is inexpedient to make any change in the Book of Order in the direction indicated by the Darlington Overture.'

The Presbytery of Newcastle, by a majority of 22 to 14, decided 'That all paragraphs in the Book of Order which prevent Synod or Presbyteries from choosing as their Moderator any member of Court whom they prefer, ought to be deleted.' From this finding several members entered their dissent.

The Presbytery of Northumberland unanimously agreed 'That it is not expedient to legislate more definitely as to the eligibility of ruling Elders to the Moderator's chair.'

It appears, therefore, that three Presbyteries—Darlington, Liverpool, and Newcastle—are in favour of the Darlington Overture, or of the object contemplated by the same; in two cases, however, those of Liverpool and Newcastle, only in so far as it affects the eligibility to the office of Moderatorship of Presbyteries and Synod, and that seven Presbyteries—Berwick, Birmingham, Bristol, Carlisle, London, Manchester, Northumberland—are against the Overture, in some cases by a majority, and in some unanimously.

§ 2. BOOK OF ORDER.

Your Committee beg to report that three editions of the Book of Order have been exhausted, and another is demanded, which will be published immediately after the meeting of Synod, with any changes in the procedure or in the rules affecting Schemes of the Church which may then be sanctioned.

§ 3. HISTORICAL ESSAY.

As already reported, your Committee would deem it of the greatest importance, for legal as well as historical purposes, and also in view of the errors constantly made in ecclesiastical histories and biographies regarding the action of the Presbyterian Church in England in times past, that an historical essay should be published, in which all the facts of the question should be clearly stated. After much deliberation on the best method of obtaining the same, your Committee unanimously and cordially decided to request the Rev. A. H. Drysdale, M.A., of Morpeth, to prepare such essay, and agreed that for the work he shall receive a honorarium of at least £100, your Committee reserving the question of publication and copyright for future consideration. The Synod has already authorised the expenditure of £25 for this purpose, and some private subscriptions have been promised. Your Committee desire as soon as possible to be put in possession of the promised amount, and hope the Synod will commend the object to the liberality of the Church. Your Committee earnestly request the Congregations of

the Church to co-operate with Mr. Drysdale in his effort by placing at his disposal every available information, especially in the shape of documents, tracts, or records in their possession or knowledge, and by sending any historical documents in their hands to your Committee for preservation at the College. Already a nucleus has been formed of such documents, and they are in process of being arranged and calendared.

§ 4. DECENNIAL DIGEST OF PROCEEDINGS OF SYNOD.

Your Committee have considered the expediency of publishing a Decennial Digest of the Minutes of Synod, but having regard to the fact that most members have in their possession the yearly Minutes, and that the production of such Digest would be attended by much labour and expense, your Committee have come to the conclusion that it is unnecessary at present to enter on that undertaking.

§ 5. LEASEHOLD ENFRANCHISEMENT.

Your Committee recommend the Synod again to petition Parliament in favour of the Bill re-introduced into Parliament to enable leaseholders of houses (including chapels) and cottages to purchase the fee simple of their property.

§ 6. ABSTRACT OF DEEDS.

The Rev. J. Howie Boyd and the Rev. T. G. Molyneux, LL.B. prepared and presented to your Committee an abstract of all the Deeds of the Congregations in the Presbytery of Carlisle, including dates of original conveyances, dates of all bonds and mortgages, names of the original trustees, a record of all transfers, names of those in whose hands the deeds are, as well as whether the Church is registered for marriages or not. Your Committee beg to express their great indebtedness to Messrs. Howie Boyd and Molyneux for this valuable document, and earnestly hope that similar abstracts may be made for the Congregations in the other Presbyteries. Your Committee recommend the Synod to direct Presbyteries to take order that a return be made to your Committee for presentation to the Synod of all the trust deeds of churches and of other property connected with the Congregations within their respective bounds.

§ 7. LAW ADVISER.

The frequent recurrence of circumstances requiring legal opinion has been brought under the notice of your Committee. It would unquestionably be a great advantage were a solicitor, who was in practice in London and acquainted with Presbyterian order and policy, available in case of need. The Free Church of Scotland provide on the subject as follows: 'The General Assembly appoints a member of the Scottish Bar as legal adviser to the Church, and a Writer to Her Majesty's Signet as agent for the Church, both being ruling Elders of the Church.'

§ 8. BICENTENARY OF THE REVOCATION OF THE EDICT OF NANTES.

The 22nd of October next will be the Bicentenary of the Revocation by Louis XIV. of the Edict of Nantes, granted by Henry IV. to the

Huguenots of France on May 2, 1598, a memorable event, the consequences of which illustrated in a powerful manner the abiding power of strong religious convictions. For upwards of one hundred years the flower of French piety, the most vigorous and most industrious of French workers, were thereby proscribed from their native soil and made to adorn the society and to vivify the industries of Holland, England, and other States. Your Committee would deem the occasion of this Bicentenary a fit one for an address by the Synod to the Protestant Church of France, embodying the sympathy of the Church for the sufferings of the Huguenots in time past, and its congratulations at the triumph in that country of the priceless principle of civil and religious freedom.

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend the Synod—1st, To renew the grant of £25 for the Historical Essay, and to commend the object to the sympathy and co-operation of the members of the Church.

2nd. To petition in favour of the Bill for the conversion of leasehold property into fee simple.

3rd. To remit to your Committee to consider the expediency of facilitating, in some way, reference to a legal adviser.

And, 4th, To direct Presbyteries to take order that a return be made to your Committee for presentation to Synod of all the trust deeds of churches within their respective bounds, containing, as far as possible, the same details as have been given for the Presbytery of Carlisle.

LEONE LEVI,

Convener.

XVIII.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF NOMINATION,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

THE Board of Nomination have the satisfaction of reporting that they met in the month of December; that the attendance of members was large and representative, and that, with the utmost unanimity and cordiality, it was resolved to nominate the Rev. Robert Taylor, Minister of Upper Norwood, London, as the Moderator of the ensuing meeting of Synod.

W. McCRAW, *Clerk.*

XIX

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

It falls to your Committee, as usual, to suggest the Collections for Church Schemes to be made throughout the ensuing Synodical year. There seems to be no reason to depart from the existing arrangement, of which they therefore recommend the continuance, viz.:

For Foreign Missions on the third Sabbath of May 1885.

„ Continental Work	„	„	July	„
„ Instruction of Youth	„	„	Sept.	„
„ The College	„	„	Nov.	„
„ Jewish Mission	„	„	Jan. 1886.	
„ Home Mission	„	„	March	„

Your Committee have further to report on two matters remitted by last Synod for their consideration.

I.—It was agreed, in discharging the special Committee on Christian Giving, in view of the importance of bringing prominently before the members of our Church from time to time that and other departments of Christian duty, to remit to this Committee the consideration of how this end may be best secured. Having, accordingly, carefully considered this question, your Committee beg now to suggest that the Synod in future issue regularly, with this object, a brief, pointed letter, to be prepared by a very small committee, and to be issued immediately after the rising of each Synod, dealing with special topics, as the Annual Message of the Synod to the Congregations of the Church. They would further instance, as examples of the subjects that might be thus treated, in addition to that mentioned, such matters as :

1. The duty of loyalty to our own branch of the Church, in harmony with love to the Church Universal.
2. The keeping of the Lord's-day.
3. Family Worship, with the Training of Children ; and
4. Temperance.

II. Two overtures dealing with the limited time at the disposal of the Synod for the transaction of its business were also referred to your Committee, with instructions to consider the questions raised by them, and to report to this Synod with recommendations. Having carefully

considered this question, your Committee are of opinion that the time has not come for extending the period of the Synod's sittings, but suggest the following modifications of existing arrangements, with the view of utilising more fully the time at present available, viz.:

1. That each Synod nominate the Business Committee for the following Synod, with the exception of the Members to be nominated by the Presbyteries, and that said Committee meet on the afternoon of the Monday, so as to be able to report at the first sederunt.

2. That the Synod meet in future on the Monday evening at six o'clock, in order to be prepared to enter on business not later than eight o'clock.

3. That the Clerk be authorised to report directly to the Synod, on the Monday evening, in regard to Elders' Commissions, so that the Roll may be made up at once as regards all but defective or irregular Commissions, which alone shall be referred to the Committee on Commissions and Records.

4. That except in the case of the last day's proceedings, the Minutes, having been previously printed and circulated among the members, be held as read, and sustained accordingly at the beginning of each day's proceedings, with such corrections as may then be made.

5. That the following modifications be made in the present order of business:

Monday—

- (1.) The Business Committee to submit its report immediately after that on Ministerial Changes, to be followed by—
- (2.) Applications from persons and places.
- (3.) Petitions, references, and other communications *not* cognate to Reports of Synodical Committees.
- (4.) Such other business as the Business Committee may suggest.

Tuesday—

- (1.) That the Synod proceed to business without adjournment, immediately after the Communion, which shall not extend over more than an hour.
- (2.) That immediately after the reception of the Reports of the Committee on defective or irregular Commissions (if any), the corresponding members of the United Presbyterian Church be received by a formal recognition from the Moderator's Chair without addresses; after which, the Reports of the Committees of Selection and Business shall be received.
- (3.) That one hour thereafter be devoted to the reception of the Reports of Synod Deputies, after which the morning sitting to be devoted, so far as necessary, to the Reports of the Home, Jewish, and Foreign Missions, as at present.
- (4.) That the Missionary Meeting in the evening commence at seven o'clock, the preceding hour being occupied with minor pieces of business, as may be arranged by the Business Committee.

Wednesday—

- (1.) That the Report of the College Committee immediately follow that of the Committee on Ministerial Support, the remainder of

the sederunt being occupied by such other business as may be arranged.

- (2.) That the reception of Deputies from other Churches form an order of the day for 7.30 in the evening, the preceding $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour being devoted to General Business; that no Deputy be heard who has not been formally commissioned; that the papers of Deputies, having been duly passed through the Business Committee, be simply reported but not read in Court; that Deputies from Home Churches be received first, and then those from Colonial and Foreign Churches, the two latter changing places at alternate Synods; that not more than two Deputies be heard from any one Church; that each Foreign Deputy be allowed a quarter of an hour, provided the whole of the Foreign Deputies do not in any case occupy more than one hour in all; and that the Moderator acknowledge the addresses of the Deputies at the close without formal motion.

Thursday—

- (1.) That the morning be reserved, as far as possible or necessary, for important questions that may from time to time be brought before the Synod.
- (2.) That Committees to which matters shall have been specially referred submit their Reports, as far as possible, in the evening up till 8 o'clock, when there shall be an order of the day for the reception of the Report on the Instruction of Youth.

Friday—

That this day be devoted to the remanent business of the Synod, and that Members be expected to make their arrangements to remain over the day.

*Further—*That no expenses be paid till the morning of Friday; that expenses be required to be applied for personally at the Synod, and that payment by cheques subsequently be only allowed where Members shall have been obliged to leave before that day, *leave of absence* having been previously asked and obtained from the Synod, the application having been passed through the Business Committee.

6. That the Synod's standing orders be modified, so far as necessary, so as to harmonise with the new arrangements.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

GEORGE DUNCAN,

Convener.

XX.

REPORT OF TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

It is with a deep sense of the goodness of God to the Church during the past year that your Committee once more lay before your reverend Court duly audited accounts of the various Funds entrusted to them.

The year has been undoubtedly one of very serious commercial depression, which might have been expected to exercise a very marked influence on the revenues of the various Funds. It is matter of profound thankfulness that those Funds have, notwithstanding, been upon the whole well sustained, especially as regards the contributions coming through *Congregational channels*—by far the most important element in the income of the Church. The following statement, which has been already submitted to the various Presbyteries of the Church, shows how this class of contributions have been maintained over the last four years :—

Congregational Contributions to Synodical Schemes.

	1884			1883			1882			1881		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sustentation Fund (Aid)	5,586	18	8	5,818	6	5	6,002	12	1	5,635	5	5
Foreign Missions .	8,584	1	4	8,265	18	0	8,476	15	8	6,124	14	7
Home Mission . .	1,520	13	6	1,585	12	4	1,775	8	5	1,693	14	11
Jewish Mission . .	839	2	9	854	8	10	846	10	9	766	1	7
Continental Churches . . .	438	7	8	415	18	9	605	10	8	478	3	4
College	947	8	1	942	5	8	1,103	9	3	1,255	12	10
Instruction of Youth	235	7	11	257	16	9	157	8	3	153	18	5
	18,151	19	11	18,140	6	9	18,967	15	1	16,107	11	1

Only two matters in this statement seem to call for notice.

1. There is a considerable decline in the amount contributed as *Aid* to the *Sustentation Fund*, which has decreased both in 1883 and 1884, the total decline in the two years amounting to so much as £415 15s. 5d., a very serious sum considering the place which this Fund occupies among the Church schemes, and far beyond what is shown in any other Fund of the Church. It is well known that this tendency to decline has not a little hampered the action of the Committee charged with the administration of this Fund.

2. The sum contributed to the Fund for the *Instruction of Youth* seems very inadequate, considering that not only the Day Schools connected with the Church, but such important interests as those connected with Sabbath Schools and Higher Instruction, are now all dependent upon this Fund.

There should be no difficulty in putting matters right in connection with both of these Funds.

It is satisfactory to observe that the number of congregations contributing to the schemes as a whole is once more on the increase. The total number of Congregational contributions had risen from 42 per cent. in 1878 to 53 per cent. in 1882. In 1883, however, the percentage had fallen back to 46. It is satisfactory to notice that last year 892 contributions were made to the six schemes by 283 congregations, bringing back the proportion to 53 per cent. There are still, however, congregations that make no contribution to any Church Fund, not even a Sabbath School contribution to Foreign Missions; while too many entirely ignore several of them. It is difficult to realise that Church feeling is what it ought to be where this is the case. Your Committee earnestly hope that they will soon be able to report that the proportion of Congregational contributions is far in excess of 53 per cent. of the number due.

A somewhat different view of the position of the various Funds is obtained from the consideration of the balances, credit or debit, with which they severally closed the year. These are shown in the following statement:—

DEBIT BALANCES.			CREDIT BALANCES.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Foreign Missions . . .	2,776	4 10	Home Mission . . .	987	13 6
College Fund . . .	170	5 8	Home Mission Reserve	1,000	0 0
Aid and Loan Fund . .	636	11 10	Jewish Mission . . .	196	15 7
	<hr/>		Continental Churches	339	5 4
	3,583	2 4	Scholarships . . .	9	1 8
			College Trust . . .	539	7 7
			Instruction of Youth .	203	3 1
			Church Building . .	2,235	4 11
			Aged and Infirm		
			Ministers . . .	12	0 8
			Widows and Orphans	187	13 7
			Synod Fund . . .	108	4 7
			Union Thanksgiving		
			Fund . . .	225	0 0
			Profit on Hymn Book		
Balance with Bankers	2,919	0 8	(in suspense). . .	458	12 6
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	6,502	3 0		6,502	3 0
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By far the most anxious element here is the position of the *Foreign Missions Fund*. It is satisfactory to know, however, that this is not due to a decreasing revenue, for the income of the Fund is increasing,

but to that excess of expenditure over proper revenue which has cost the Committee in charge of the Fund so much anxiety during the last two or three years. It is no less satisfactory to know that this state of matters, which resulted from the steady expansion of the mission and the necessity of considerably enlarging the staff in 1881 and 1882, is being rapidly rectified, both by development of revenue and curtailment of expenditure, so that receipts and payments are likely to be soon once more equalised.

Though the debit balance on the *College Fund* is not yet serious in amount, the matter is one calling for attention, as the present income of the College is considerably below its necessary expenditure, and shows a tendency to decline.

Your Committee are glad to show a slight credit balance on the *Synod Fund*, for which they are themselves directly responsible. This is entirely due to the diminished expenditure connected with the meeting of Synod last year, resulting from the fact that it was held in Liverpool, travelling expenses to which are considerably less than to London. It must be remembered, however, that the present rate of assessment is not equal to the requirements of the Fund when the Synod meets in London, and that any action of the Synod entailing new burdens on it will ultimately necessitate an increase of the rate, which your Committee think very undesirable. They recommend that the assessment on Presbyteries for next year be continued at the present rate of 14s. 6d. on membership and revenue.

The bank balance has been fairly sustained throughout the year, notwithstanding the heavy debit balance against the Foreign Missions Fund. The following statement shows the net balances at the close of each of the last four years:—

							£	s.	d.
1884	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,919	0	8
1883	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,896	4	9
1882	.	.	.	.	.	.	6,090	12	1
1881	.	.	.	.	.	.	6,073	3	6

It will be seen that there is practically no increase in the amount of Office charges, nor has it been deemed necessary to make any change in the distribution of these among the various Funds. Only those who have opportunities of seeing the vast concentration of work in the Church Offices can appreciate the economy with which that work is conducted. Between the Synod meeting and the close of autumn the business of the Office is managed with comparative ease; but it cannot be doubted that in winter, and still more in the spring, when so much has to be done in preparation for the Synod, requiring intelligence and experience, the resources of our little staff are sometimes severely taxed.

It seems necessary again to call the attention of the Synod to the tendency to excessive expenditure for travelling expenses of Members of Committees, which have risen steadily from £246 11s. 10d. in 1880 to £364 16s. 4d., the proportion chargeable to the Synod Fund having risen from £35 12s. 3d. in the former year to £139 12s. 3d. The increase last year is chiefly in connection with the Home Mission

College, Instruction of Youth, and Confession Committees. It is obvious that both the Synod, in appointing special committees, and the Selection Committee in their nominations, would require to keep a vigilant eye on this matter, or our Committee system may come to be a most costly element in the Church's organisation.

Last Synod appointed your Committee to be 'a channel of communication' through which Messrs. James Nisbet & Co. should make their financial statements with reference to 'Church Praise.'

On looking into the matter, with the assistance of the auditor, a difficulty arose owing to the fact that the agreement laid before the Synod in 1883 included no provision for trade terms as between the publishers and the partners, though Messrs. Nisbet & Co. held that these were assumed throughout. After a frank conference with Messrs. Nisbet & Co., with the advice of Mr. T. W. Thacker, who gave the Committee the benefit of his valuable assistance, it was agreed, subject to Synodical confirmation, that the publishers be allowed 5 per cent. on the cost of manufacture, as trade terms; and the accounts having been made up on this basis, your Committee have now received in all £621 4s. 1d. (though only £458 12s. 6d. appears in last year's accounts) as the Church's share of the profits on the first year's transactions. It will be for the Synod to say in what way it will dispose of this sum. Your Committee request confirmation of the arrangement for trade terms now reported.

A considerable number of important Deeds and other documents having come into the hands of your Committee, it was found necessary to take steps for their safe custody. With a view to this, your Committee have arranged with the Presbytery of London to share with them meanwhile the Safe rented by them from the Safe Deposit Company. They are now in a position, therefore, to undertake the custody of Deeds or other important papers for any of the congregations of the Church that may so desire.

Your Committee have received a communication from the Council of the General Presbyterian Alliance requesting a modest annual contribution of one pound per member commissioned by this Church to sit in the Council, towards the working expenses of the Alliance. They recommend that they be authorised to make this payment out of the Synod Fund.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

GEORGE DUNCAN,

Convener.

[For Synod Fund Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 934; for Office Charges, p. 936.]

XXI.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHURCH'S RELATION TO THE WESTMIN- STER CONFESSION,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

1. In their first Report, submitted to the Synod of 1884, the Committee recommended the substitution in the formulas for Ministers, Licentiates, and Elders (Question 2), of the words, 'The system of doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith,' for the words, 'The doctrine of the Westminster Confession of Faith.' The Synod remitted this proposal to Presbyteries for their consideration and judgment.

It is the first duty of the Committee in their present Report to state the result of this reference. Three of the ten Presbyteries of the Church (Berwick, Carlisle, and London) advise the adoption of the change in the formulas proposed by the Committee; while seven Presbyteries (Birmingham, Bristol, Darlington, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, and Northumberland) refrain from any expression of opinion as to the advisability of altering the formulas in the manner suggested, but consider that the question should be postponed until the whole of the proposals of this Committee are before the Church, so that the formulas may be finally adjusted in view of the adoption of a Declaratory Statement, and possibly also, in view of the adoption for certain specified purposes of a Compendium of Fundamental Doctrine.

Having regard to the mind of the Church as indicated by these returns, it appears to the Committee to be impossible at present to proceed further in this matter; and they therefore recommend the Synod to allow the proposal made by them a year ago regarding the formulas to stand aside for future decision.

2. The Committee were instructed to prepare a Declaratory Statement, explaining the sense in which the Church accepts the Westminster Confession of Faith. A draft Statement was prepared by a Sub-committee, which the Committee have twice revised line by line. They now submit it to the judgment of the Synod. (Appendix A.) They humbly recommend its adoption, in the hope that it may be helpful to many of the Office-bearers of the Church, and may make the Faith of the Church clearer to those without her bounds.

3. The Committee were further instructed to consider the best method of proceeding with the preparation of a Compendium of Fundamental Doctrine, and the uses which such a Compendium might

advantageously serve. They were unanimously of opinion that such a Compendium would serve the following important ends: (1) To be a Testimony or Declaration of the Church's Faith to those beyond her communion; and, (2) To be a Summary of Doctrine, to be used as a guide in the instruction of her people, especially of her younger members.

It was also proposed in Committee to recommend that the Compendium (when prepared) should be the Subordinate Standard of the Church instead of the Westminster Confession of Faith. This proposal was, however, negatived, and the Committee resolved that the question of the further uses to which the Compendium may be found applicable should be left to the future judgment of the Church.

With regard to the contents of such a Compendium, and the form in which its Articles should be cast, the Committee are of opinion—

(1.)—That the Compendium of Doctrine should embrace only matters which enter into the substance of the Faith; reserving for an Appendix details connected with Church polity, worship, and the like, if the Church should decide to deal with such questions.

(2.)—That the Compendium should consist of a series of brief articles; that it should be affirmative, not polemical or argumentative; and that it should be so expressed as to declare the truth affirmed to be the actual belief of the Church (for example, by beginning each article with such words as 'We believe,' or 'We confess and acknowledge,' as is done in the Scottish Confession of 1560).

(3.)—That in the order of said articles regard should be had, as far as possible, to the historical development of revelation, and the Trinitarian arrangement observed, for example, in the Creed known as the Apostles' Creed.

They have prepared a list of Heads of Doctrine, under which it seems to them everything can be embraced which the Compendium ought to contain. (Appendix B.)

They think further that it will be useful in many ways to add to the Compendium an Appendix or Secondary Statement, dealing with questions of Church polity, worship, and the like, under such heads as these:—

- (1.) Presbyterian Polity.
- (2.) Terms of Communion.
- (3.) Church Discipline.
- (4.) Public Worship.
- (5.) Sanctity of the Lord's Day.
- (6.) Relations to other Churches.
- (7.) Marriage Laws.
- (8.) Relation of Church and State.
- (9.) Authority of Civil Magistrates.
- (10.) Liberty of Conscience.

They suggest that a brief preamble explaining the historical position of the Church in England should be prefixed to such a Secondary Statement.

4. If it seem good to the Synod to re-appoint the Committee, with instructions to proceed with the drafting of such a Compendium as has now been outlined, they will address themselves to this great task (much

more difficult, they well know, than even the drawing up of a suitable Declaratory Statement), with an anxious feeling of responsibility, but in confident reliance on the kindly appreciation by their brethren of the magnitude and delicacy of the work, and in humble trust in the gracious help of the Spirit of all truth.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,

Convener.

APPENDIX A.

DRAFT OF DECLARATORY STATEMENT.

Whereas this Church has ever acknowledged the canonical books of Holy Scripture to be her sole Supreme Standard, to which the Westminster Confession of Faith is to be regarded as subordinate :

Whereas every endeavour to set forth in the form of a Creed the truth taught in Holy Scripture must be at the best imperfect: and

Whereas every such Creed is liable to become less adequate to express the Church's faith, through that fuller and clearer apprehension of His revealed truth which it pleases God from time to time to grant unto His Church :

Therefore it has seemed good and needful to this Church in Synod assembled, for the better exhibition of her belief on certain points, to declare as follows :—

1.—That the Doctrine of Redemption set forth in the Westminster Confession, particularly in its reference to the election of some among mankind to eternal life, is held and taught in this Church together with other great truths which are vital to the Gospel, such as :—

(1st) That the love of God to mankind moved Him to provide, by the gift of His Son to be a propitiation for the whole world, a way of salvation which in His Gospel is freely offered to all.

(2nd) That God has no pleasure in the death of any sinner, but desires that all should repent and live; and

(3rd) That every man who hears the Gospel is responsible for his acceptance or rejection of its free offer of eternal life.

2.—That the teaching of the Confession on the subject of man's total depravity since the Fall is not to be understood as denying his responsibility both under the Law and under the Gospel, or the existence and value of the natural virtues.

3.—That while the duty of proclaiming the Gospel to all men is clear and imperative, and while the proclamation of the Gospel is the ordinary means of salvation for all who are capable of being called thereby; and while it is certain that no one is saved except through the mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the working of the Holy Spirit: Yet it does not follow, nor is it required to be held, either that any who die in infancy are lost, or that God may not extend His mercy to those who are beyond the reach of the ordinary means of salvation, as it may seem good in His sight.

4.—That with reference to the teaching of the Confession regarding the duty of Civil Rulers, this Church, while holding that such rulers are subject

in their own province to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, does not accept anything in that document which favours, or may be regarded as favouring, intolerance or persecution.

5.—That liberty of opinion is recognised in this Church on such points in the Confession as do not enter into the substance of the Faith: the Church retaining full authority to guard against any abuse of this liberty to the injury of her unity and peace.

APPENDIX B.

HEADS OF ARTICLES SUGGESTED FOR THE COMPENDIUM OF DOCTRINE.

I.—OF GOD.

Art. 1. Of the Being and Attributes of God.

Art. 2. Of the Holy Trinity.

II.—OF GOD THE FATHER.

Art. 3. Of the Creation and Government of the World.

Art. 4. Of the Fall of Man and its Consequences.

Art. 5. Of the Love of God to Mankind and His Purpose of Salvation.

III.—OF GOD THE SON.

Art. 6. Of the Incarnation and Person of Christ.

Art. 7. Of His Redeeming Work.

Art. 8. Of His State of Exaltation.

Art. 9. Of the Call of His Gospel.

IV.—OF GOD THE HOLY GHOST.

Art. 10. Of the Gift and Office of the Holy Spirit.

Art. 11. Of the New Birth and of Sonship in Christ.

Art. 12. Of Repentance and Justifying Faith.

Art. 13. Of the Believer's Union to Christ and Progressive Holiness.

Art. 14. Of Christian Obedience to the Moral Law.

Art. 15. Of the Perseverance of the Elect.

Art. 16. Of the Church and its Ministry and Worship.

Art. 17. Of Revelation and its Inspired Record in Holy Scripture.

Art. 18. Of Baptism.

Art. 19. Of the Lord's Supper.

V.—OF THE LAST THINGS.

Art. 20. Of the Second Coming of Christ.

Art. 21. Of Resurrection and Final Judgment.

Art. 22. Of the Life Everlasting.

XXII.

MINUTES OF
COMMISSION OF SYNOD *re* BELFORD

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

Belford, Saturday, June 7, 1884.

THE Commission of Synod met according to arrangement in Erskine Church at eight o'clock. Present: Rev. Charles Moinet, Messrs. G. B. Bruce, Hedley, and Bell. In the absence of Dr. Edmond, the Convener, who was unable to be present till Monday, Mr. Moinet was requested to act as interim Convener. The Office-bearers both of Erskine and Columba being present, it was agreed at their suggestion to confer with them separately.

On meeting with the Columba Office-bearers, of whom two were present, viz., Mr. Dods, Elder, and Mr. Howie, Deacon, the others being absent from illness or other necessary causes, Mr. Moinet read the resolution of Synod stating the purpose of the Commission's appointment, and pointed out that according to the same, their duty was confined to making arrangements for carrying the union of the Congregations into effect, the question of union itself being considered as settled. He further explained that while they were therefore precluded from taking any steps which involved the settlement of two Ministers, they were perfectly at liberty to adopt any arrangement, such as that of a Minister and Assistant, which did not violate this condition, and referred to some of the various plans which had from time to time been proposed. The Office-bearers, while expressing their conviction that the settlement of one Minister without an Assistant was the only way of making the union complete, declared their readiness, in view of the difficulties attending such a course, to adopt the proposal of having one Minister with an Assistant, the Minister to preach in Erskine and Columba on alternate Sunday mornings, on the understanding that Erskine contribute £120 and Columba £80 annually to the Sustentation Fund, the Minister receiving in return the equal dividend, and the Assistant £80 a year. The Office-bearers also expressed their conviction that the Columba people would acquiesce in such an arrangement.

The Commission then met with the Office-bearers of Erskine. There were present Messrs. Smith, Bowmaker, Bennet, and Robinson, Elders, with Messrs. Short, Broomfield, Harbottle, Scott, Guthrie, and Millican, Managers. Only one Elder and one Manager were absent. Mr. Moinet read to them the resolution of Synod above referred to, and after considerable discussion the Commission found that, while they also were in

favour of one Minister without an Assistant, they were willing to fall in with the proposal which the Columba Office-bearers had agreed to, and for the same reasons, but only on condition that Erskine and Columba should contribute equal sums to the Sustentation Fund, i.e. £100 each. The Erskine Office-bearers were decided and unanimous in insisting upon this, and on two grounds: (1) that as each Church would have the same share of the Minister's services, each should contribute the same amount to his support; (2) that though they had agreed to raise £120 on the two-to-one arrangement, they held that if the Minister preached on alternate Sabbath mornings in Columba, a considerable number of people would follow the Minister who otherwise might have come to them, and *pro tanto* reduce their collections. The Commission reminded them that they were the stronger half of the congregation, and therefore might reasonably be expected to contribute the larger share of the stipend; but finding they were unable to move them from their position, they met with the Columba Office-bearers again, and asked them if they would undertake to raise £100. After some discussion they agreed to do this, and arrangements having been made for addressing the congregation the following day, the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

Sunday, June 8, 1884.

The Commission (including Mr. Swanston) met in the Vestry of Columba before service. Mr. Howie appeared and declared that he had misunderstood the financial arrangement proposed on the previous evening, it having been his impression that the Erskine people were still to raise £120, and that the Columba people would never agree to raise £100 on any other condition. The Commission could not understand how the misunderstanding had arisen, but pointed out that the sum raised by the Erskine people did not affect the people of Columba, and that if they chose they might have on the agreement proposed as many services as the Erskine people. After service, conducted in the Church by Mr. Moinet, the Commission met with the congregation. Mr. Moinet related what had been done at the meeting of Office-bearers the night before, the agreement arrived at, and the misunderstanding as to the sums on the part of Mr. Howie. None of the people spoke at the meeting but Mr. Howie, who declared that the majority of those present were in favour of closing the Church, and that on no account would they contribute the same sum as the Erskine people to the Sustentation Fund. Mr. Bruce and other members of the Commission appealed to them to lay aside all personal feeling, to consider the serious responsibility lying upon them in reference to the present negotiations, and to come to the meeting on the following evening prepared to fall in heartily with whatever the Commission might decide to be the best way of carrying them to a successful issue.

The Commission met the same evening in Erskine Church at six o'clock. After service, conducted by Mr. Moinet, the Commission met with the congregation, and the position of matters was fully explained. The congregation adhered to the resolution come to by the Office-bearers the previous evening, that they could not undertake to raise more than £100 if the arrangement then proposed were carried out. The meeting

was addressed by several members of the Commission, who exhorted the people present in the same strain in which they had appealed to the Columba people in the morning. The meeting was then closed with the Benediction.

After the meeting the Commission fully discussed in private the whole question before it, in the light of what had transpired at the various meetings held since their arrival, and also of what they had gathered, by personal intercourse, from several of the Office-bearers of both sections of the congregation. It appeared to them :

1. That in the unfortunate state of feeling prevailing in both sections of the congregation, it was impossible to suggest any arrangement that would prove acceptable to all parties.

2. That the evident preference of the people at Columba was for an arrangement that would keep them as distinct from the Erskine people as possible, and that they would strongly object to anything, whatever it might be, that would tend to have an opposite effect.

3. That the Columba people would also demur to any arrangement which would put them on a footing of apparent inequality with the Erskine people, by shutting up their Church on alternate Sabbath forenoons, or by giving them a smaller share of the Minister's services, as on the two-to-one plan, or by reducing them to a preaching station.

4. That the plan of having a Minister and Assistant, so as to keep both Churches fully open—the Minister to preach on Sabbath mornings in Erskine and Columba alternately, even supposing that the financial difficulty was satisfactorily surmounted, of which there did not seem the slightest prospect—was open to the following grave objections :

- (1) That the congregation remaining practically divided into two, was extremely unlikely to agree in the choice of a minister.

- (2) That the choice of an Assistant was also attended by great difficulties, and that were these disposed of, the working of the congregation on such lines was almost certain to increase the friction and irritation at present existing.

- (3) That such a plan could only be temporary, and might have to be superseded by another arrangement, when the conditions necessary to its success were less favourable than they were now.

5. Therefore, the Commission were of opinion that while it might be advisable to adopt the plan last referred to, should they see their way to a satisfactory adjustment of the financial difficulty, in the hope that the congregation might be led to the unanimous choice of a suitable Minister, but *mainly* as being the plan most likely to keep the people together, it did not seem to them that the said plan should be pressed unless they could make such a financial settlement as should commend itself to the hearty acceptance of the whole congregation.

Further, the Committee having received and examined the title deeds of both congregations, found that while the Church and Manse of Columba was held on the Newcastle Trust Deed, the only additional provision being that the premises were not to be used as a Day School, the Title Deed of Erskine Church and Manse was not satisfactory, and that steps should be taken as soon as possible to have the matter looked into, with a view to bringing the property under the Model Trust Deed.

Monday Evening, June 9, 1884.

The Commission met in Erskine Church with the Office-bearers of both sections of the congregation, Dr. Edmond, the Convener, presiding, and all the members being present with the exception of Mr. Main, from whom a letter was read expressing his regret at his being unable to attend. The Office-bearers present were the same as those named in the minute of Saturday evening's meeting.

The Convener, with prayer, formally constituted the Commission, and stated that the object of this meeting prior to that of the congregation was to give the Office-bearers an opportunity of mentioning anything, additional to what had been formerly laid before the Commission which might aid them in their final decision. He urged on the Office-bearers the necessity of making concessions on both sides, and of exercising mutual forbearance and charity; but they adhered to the positions which they had already taken up. The Commission then retired to deliberate in private, and thereafter met with the united congregation. There was a good attendance, the area of the church being almost entirely filled. The Convener gave out for praise Psalm cxxxiii., read a portion of Scripture, and, at his request, the Rev. John Smith engaged in prayer. He then called upon Mr. Moinet to read the following resolution, which he did, adding such explanations as seemed necessary to make its meaning clear, and exhorting the people to work together heartily on the basis which it proposed. The resolution is as follows: 'The Commission having met with the Office-bearers of both sections of the united congregation worshipping in Erskine and Columba, and also with the congregation itself, and having fully considered the various proposals by which it was suggested that the union decided upon by the Synod might most successfully be carried into effect; and having ascertained that in the opinion of all the parties concerned the best and most acceptable arrangement would be that a Minister without an Assistant be appointed over the said united congregation; and considering further, that the only other arrangement practicable in the circumstances—viz. that of a Minister with an Assistant, the Minister to preach in Erskine and Columba on alternate Sunday mornings—was attended by difficulties which rendered its success exceedingly doubtful, while burdened by the further disadvantage of leaving the whole case still open for a final settlement at some future period, probably under more unfavourable conditions, unanimously resolved:

'1. That there be one Minister without an Assistant for the united congregation now worshipping in Erskine and Columba.

'2. That the services be conducted ordinarily in Erskine Church, as the more central of the two, and occasionally, when considered expedient in Columba.

'3. That the Minister decide as to which of the Manses shall be his residence, the Commission suggesting that in their opinion it would be advisable that the Minister reside in Columba Manse, arrangements being made for Erskine Manse being utilised for Sunday School or other congregational purposes.

'4. That the contributions of the united congregation to the Sustentation Fund be not less than £130 for the first year, the Commission

expecting that after that the congregation will increase its contributions so as before long to become self-sustaining, and that the Minister receive the equal dividend.

‘ 5. That the Commission strongly recommend the congregation to proceed as quickly as possible to the calling of a Minister, the arrangements for the supply of ordinances being continued meanwhile as at present.’

Mr. Bruce and Mr. Bell, followed by the Convener, earnestly and affectionately urged the congregation to submit loyally to the finding of the Commission, as the wisest and fairest solution of the difficulty which they were able to suggest, and after singing part of Psalm cxxii. the meeting was brought to a close with the Benediction.

JOHN EDMOND,

Convener.

XXIII

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1885.

THE insufficiency of Church accommodation, and still more the inadequacy of the Church attendance, in large towns has lately attracted considerable attention, and brought into prominent relief the relative position of the leading Nonconformist communities in England and Wales in relation to this great want—a state of matters all the more difficult to deal with since the excessive increase of population is greatly due to immigration from other parts of the kingdom, mostly of adult persons, with opinions already formed or with habits unsettled, and in many cases of natures cold and unsympathetic. The Presbyterians have long done what they could to keep within their fold Presbyterian immigrants from Scotland and Ireland, without closing their eyes to the urgent call for efforts on behalf of the vast population around them; but their number being comparatively small, their efforts have been necessarily limited. According to the ‘Nonconformist,’ the number of sittings belonging to Presbyterians in the metropolis was in 1851, 18,211, and in 1884, 32,221, showing an increase of 76·93 per cent. in the same period; whilst the sittings of Baptists increased 151·19 per cent., and those of Methodists increased at the rate of 136·63 per cent. Another test of the relative increase of these bodies all over England gives the same result. Taking all the sections of Presbyterians together, in 1851 they had 215 places of worship registered for the solemnisation of marriage, or in the proportion of 11·68 places per million of people. In 1882 their number so registered was 330, or in the proportion of 12·50 per million, the real increase being 7·02 per cent. on the population of England and Wales. But what has been the increase of the other religious communities? It has been as follows:—

Congregational increase in the number of places registered for the solemnisation of marriages in England and Wales.

Years	Presbyterians		Independents		Baptists		Methodists.	
	Number of places	Per million of persons	Number of places	Per million of persons	Number of places	Per million of persons	Number of places	Per million of persons
1851	215	11·68	1,235	67·71	797	43·31	668	36·30
1882	330	12·50	2,180	76·51	1,205	113·96	3,349	126·85
Increase per cent.	53·49	7·02	76·01	14·02	53·19	163·07	400·74	249·45

PART I.—CONGREGATIONAL.

§ 1. NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS.

The number of Congregations of the Presbyterian Church of England in 1884 was 283, being an increase of 4 over those of 1883.

Comparing 1876 with 1884, the relative increase in the Presbyteries has been as follows:—

Presbyteries	Number of Congregations		Per cent.	
	1876	1884	Increase	Decrease
Berwick	16	15	—	6·25
Birmingham	14	15	7·85	—
Bristol	9	9	—	—
Carlisle	13	14	7·69	—
Darlington	18	20	11·11	—
Liverpool	29	33	13·79	—
London	64	80	25·00	—
Manchester	28	30	7·14	—
Newcastle	42	43	2·38	—
Northumberland	25	24	—	4·00
	258	283	9·69	

§ 2. DURATION OF THE MINISTRY.

The dates supplied of the Ministers' settlements over their respective charges, taken together with the annual report on ministerial changes, are useful as an indication of the constant renovation taking place in the ministry in harmony with the changes in the other Office-bearers and members, and in the membership of the Congregations. Last year 42 changes took place, the number of ministers being 271, or in the proportion of 15 per cent., so that according to this in thirteen years the whole number of ministers would be changed. In 1884 the average length of connection between Ministers and Congregations in the Presbyteries was as follows:—

Presbyteries	Number of Ministers.	Average length of connection. No. of years.
Berwick	13	13·69
Birmingham	13	10·15
Bristol	7	7·71
Carlisle	13	8·91
Darlington	20	11·00
Liverpool	34	11·47
London	78	6·47
Manchester	28	10·17
Newcastle	42	12·42
Northumberland	23	18·17
	271	10·44

§ 3. PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH.

The real property of the Church is considerable. The buildings of churches and schools are insured at £897,569, representing upwards of £1,350,000. Besides these there is other real and personal property for the endowments of the College and Scholarships, for buildings for

Mission work, for the Sustentation Fund and other schemes of the Church. Of the 278 Church buildings where the nature of the property is described 186 are freeholds, 75 leaseholds, 7 copyholds, and 10 proprietary buildings. The leasehold buildings in the Presbytery of London represent an amount of more than £130,000. Over the Church buildings there was a debt of £99,328, and over the manse a debt of £9,859, making a total of £109,187.

§ 4. SITTINGS AVAILABLE AND LET.

The number of sittings available was in 1884 145,320; deducting from these 16,050 free sittings, they left 129,270 sittings to let, and of these the number let was 63,349, the proportion being 43·49 per cent. let to the total number available, or 48·97 per cent. let of those actually to let. The proportion let to the sittings available in 1880 was 46·28, and to those to let 50·22 per cent. Therefore there has been a declension in the number of sittings let; whilst in 1880 the amount received from seat-rent was £40,490, in 1884 the amount received was £40,173. As a matter of policy, as well as of finance, the question of seat-letting deserves consideration. In 1884 there were 24 Congregations where the sittings were free, having in all a membership of 4,599, and they collected for their ordinary Congregational revenue £8,422, giving an average of £1 14s. 6*d.* per communicant. The whole Church, with 59,600 Communicants, collected for its ordinary Congregational revenue £138,139, giving an average of £2 6s. 4*d.* per Communicant. In 1880 the total amount received in seat-rent gave 5*s.* 7*d.* per sitting available. In 1884 it gave 5*s.* 7*d.* In 1880 the amount received gave 6*s.* 5*d.* per sitting to let; in 1884 it gave 6*s.* 2*d.*

§ 5. NUMBER OF COMMUNICANTS.

The number of Communicants shows a fair increase on the year. During the last five years the numbers were as follows:—

Years	Number Admitted for the First Time	Number Admitted by Cer- tificate	Total Admitted	Number Removed by Cer- tificate	Number Lapsed, Dead, or otherwise Lost	Total Removed and Lapsed or Lost	Number of Commu- nicants at the end of the Year	Per- centage Annual Increase
1880	3,174	4,301	7,475	3,053	3,325	6,378	55,286	—
1881	3,404	4,459	7,863	3,053	3,309	6,362	56,408	2·02
1882	3,042	4,438	7,480	3,183	3,498	6,681	57,402	1·76
1883	3,707	4,691	8,398	3,304	3,608	6,912	58,423	1·78
1884	3,959	3,613	7,572	3,208	3,613	6,821	59,690	2·16
	17,286	21,502	38,788	15,801	17,353	33,154	287,209	In 5 years 7·96

It will be seen that whilst the gains on the five years from the two sources of increase give an excess of 5,634 Communicants, the number of Communicants at the two periods shows an increase of 4,404. The large proportion of annual lapses or losses from other causes from the membership should awaken intense solicitude.

Comparing the number of Communicants in 1880 and 1884 in the different Presbyteries the following are the results:—

Presbyteries	1880	1884	Percentage	
			Increase	Decrease
Berwick	4,187	4,000	—	4·46
Birmingham	1,509	1,716	13·71	—
Bristol	1,242	1,379	11·03	—
Carlisle	1,176	2,035	18·58	—
Darlington	2,797	3,081	10·31	—
Liverpool	9,459	9,985	5·56	—
London	14,273	16,626	16·48	—
Manchester	5,304	5,616	5·88	—
Newcastle	10,507	11,034	5·01	—
Northumberland	4,296	4,218	—	1·81
	55,286	59,690	7·60	

§ 6. OFFICE-BEARERS.

A sufficiency of Office-bearers is necessary to the well-being of the Church, especially in large towns, where the tendency of the population is to disperse themselves over great distances. The numbers returned in the last five years have been as follows:—

Years	Elders	Deacons	Managers	Total	Per 100 Communicants
1880	1,602	615	2,011	4,228	7·64
1881	1,593	610	2,164	4,367	7·74
1882	1,663	642	2,137	4,412	7·68
1883	1,615	603	2,176	4,394	7·49
1884	1,671	596	2,233	4,200	7·04

§ 7. MARRIAGES, BAPTISMS, AND DEATHS.

The returns relating to marriages of members of the Church and within Presbyterian Churches are not only suggestive of the economic state of the country, the number of marriages being a fair standard of prosperity or declension, but of the attachment of members to their Church, whilst the number of deaths indicate so far the state of health among the people, and of longevity of those who may be supposed to live a sober and well-regulated life. The returns for 1884 show a large decrease in the number of marriages and as large an increase in the number of deaths.

Years	Marriages	Baptisms	Deaths
1880	602	3,199	768
1881	612	3,167	823
1882	670	3,269	838
1883	665	3,224	841
1884	586	3,318	901

§ 8. THE COLLEGE.

The number attending the College is given as follows:—

	1st year Students	2nd year Students	3rd year Students	Total
1880 . . .	6	5	8	19
1881 . . .	8	5	6	19
1882 . . .	7	16	6	23
1883 . . .	10	7	10	27
1884 . . .	6	9	5	20

On an average of the five years the number of students who benefited by the College was twenty-one.

§ 9. WORKS OF BENEVOLENCE.

A large number of workers is a good sign in the Church. During the last four years they were as follows:—

Years	District Visitors	Members of Dorcas Societies	Sabbath School Teachers	Total	Percentage of Workers to Communicants
1880	1,572	3,262	6,029	10,863	19.64
1881	1,988	3,357	6,216	11,361	20.14
1882	2,006	3,508	6,516	12,030	20.95
1883	1,980	3,999	6,698	12,677	21.61
1884	2,235	4,053	6,974	13,262	25.57

The proportion of workers to Communicants exhibits a very satisfactory increase. The number, however, does not represent in all cases separate persons, several services being often rendered by the same persons whose names figure among Visitors, Ladies of Dorcas Societies, and Sunday School Teachers. Would that the work of the Church was fairly distributed among the whole membership!

A most important evidence of the activity of the Church and of the labour performed in extending and upbuilding the kingdom of God is afforded by the following facts:—

Years	Number of Sabbath Scholars	Number of Scholars in Day Schools	Number of Members of Young Men's Societies	Number of Mem- bers of Bible Classes
1880	61,125	6,338	3,640	6,852
1881	64,830	6,552	3,889	7,185
1882	67,311	6,832	3,760	6,725
1883	74,830	6,860	4,221	6,446
1884	73,801	7,337	4,568	6,723

The largest number of Sabbath scholars was in the following Congregations:—

	Scholars	Teachers
London, Regent Square . . .	2,474	179
Liverpool, Egremont . . .	1,304	118
London, Highbury . . .	1,277	77
„ Marylebone . . .	1,161	92
Liverpool, Canning Street . .	1,081	105

Among Bible Classes the largest are in Newcastle, Trinity, 203; London, Hampstead, 183; Newcastle, John Knox, 128; Liverpool, Canning Street, 135. For multiplicity of agencies the most remarkable, probably, is the Aldenham School, connected with Regent Square, London. There are connected with that school a morning school and a morning service, an afternoon school and an evening service, the aggregate attendance at which was 1,633. With that school there is also an Institute, with classes on ambulance, writing, bookkeeping, shorthand, arithmetic, grammar, French, German, history, art, geometry, carpentry and joinery, building construction, electricity, magnetism, and physiology; a gymnasium, a swimming, and a football club. Year by year a flower show and an industrial exhibition are held. With the school there exists a pure literature society, a holiday house, and many other appliances; the most remarkable feature of all being the large number of ladies and gentlemen who, not only on Sundays, but day by day, and evening by evening, all the week through, give their hearty and most valuable services in the cause of true benevolence.

PART. II.—FINANCIAL.

§ 10. CONGREGATIONAL INCOME.

The Church is composed of a number of Congregations, each of which must provide for its own maintenance. The building must be tended, maintained, and insured. The Minister's stipend must be supplied. The officers must receive their salaries. The poorer members must be assisted. The missionary and benevolent efforts of the Congregation must be fostered. And now and again some special effort must be made in the way of cleaning or repairing church or school, or both, paying or extinguishing debt, purchasing new premises, and the like. For these purposes a considerable amount is required and obtained by seat rents and by collections and donations. In the aggregate in 1884, £178,031 were received for these purposes, of which £138,139 were for the ordinary requirements of the Congregations, and £39,892 for temporary purposes. During the last five years the income for these purposes has been as follows:—

Congregational Purposes	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884
	£	£	£	£	£
Seat Rent	40,490	39,602	41,258	40,830	40,173
Sustentation Fund (not being aid)	9,843	17,984	11,330	11,270	11,574
Collections	55,326	59,462	59,612	58,797	62,037
Poor and Congregational Missions	18,888	21,121	21,191	22,908	24,355
Temporary purposes . .	47,305	43,235	52,391	41,210	39,892
	171,902	174,404	186,263	175,015	178,031
Average per Congregation	629	634	667	627	629

The seat rent is a comparatively steady source of revenue, but the amount received for temporary purposes varies considerably from year to year.

§ 11. STIPENDS.

The total amount of Ministerial Stipends paid in 1884 was £86,030, against £86,040 in 1883, the average being £310 in 1884, against £304 in 1883. In addition to this there were 90 manse. The largest stipends are in the Presbytery of London, where four are £1,000 and upwards. But the highest average stipend was in the Liverpool Presbytery (£413), and the minimum average stipend in the Presbytery of Northumberland (£200).

§ 12. MISSIONARY PURPOSES.

The first object of interest, after providing for purely Congregational requirements, are the Missions—home and abroad. The amount received for these purposes from the Presbyteries, irrespective of Donations, or of sums received from Scotland, but including the amount collected by the Women's Missionary Association, has been as follows in the last five years :—

Years	Home	Foreign	Jewish	Continental	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
1880	1,641	5,994	805	248	8,688
1881	1,694	7,398	767	478	10,337
1882	1,925	10,891	846	605	14,267
1883	1,586	10,217	854	416	13,073
1884	1,521	12,054	839	438	14,852

In 1880 the proportion devoted to Missionary purposes out of the total income was 4·22 per cent. In 1884 the proportion was 6·96 per cent. It should not be forgotten, however, that a large proportion of the 24,355% contributed for the Poor and Congregational Missions is expended in objects of a strictly Home Mission character.

§ 13. GENERAL FINANCES.

The total amount received was as follows :—

	1880	Per Cent.	1884	Per Cent.
	£		£	
Congregational purposes :	171,902	83·60	178,031	83·50
Synod Schemes, including				
Presbyterian Women's Mis-	24,140	11·74	21,191	9·93
sionary Association . . .				
Donations, &c.	9,588	4·66	13,980	6·57
Total	205,630	100·00	213,202	100·00

It appears, therefore, that of the total amount more than four-fifths are devoted to Congregational purposes, and less than one-tenth to Missions and other objects; that the amount obtained from Presbyteries, inclusive of the large amount contributed by the Women's Missionary Association, was 9·93 per cent. in 1884, against 11·74 per cent. in 1880, whilst the donations amounted to 6·57 per cent. in 1884, against 4·66 per cent. in 1880.

The amount contributed by Presbyteries was divided as follows in the last five years :—

Presbyteries	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884
	£	£	£	£	£
Berwick . . .	4,121	4,149	4,226	4,749	6,674
Birmingham . . .	5,763	8,795	3,484	6,002	6,902
Bristol . . .	4,773	5,204	5,267	6,630	7,591
Carlisle . . .	3,457	4,904	5,411	3,894	3,862
Darlington . . .	13,591	12,986	16,088	12,423	8,101
Liverpool . . .	37,896	33,470	36,638	37,262	34,324
London . . .	76,220	78,198	82,635	73,616	81,066
Manchester . . .	19,371	18,851	24,833	19,742	18,053
Newcastle . . .	23,773	20,630	23,676	24,445	24,863
Northumberland . . .	5,164	4,709	5,080	4,598	4,747
	191,125	191,897	209,338	193,361	196,183
Donations, &c. . .	14,505	16,729	25,956	17,858	17,019
Total . . .	205,630	208,626	235,295	211,219	213,202

The same amount, in proportion to Communicants, being as follows :—

Presbyteries	1880			1881			1882			1883			1884		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Berwick . . .	0	19	8	0	19	8	1	1	5	1	3	2	1	13	4
Birmingham . . .	3	16	4	5	14	10	3	9	6	3	9	10	4	0	11
Bristol . . .	3	16	11	4	3	0	4	2	5	5	0	6	5	10	1
Carlisle . . .	2	0	0	2	14	0	2	16	1	2	1	7	1	17	11
Darlington . . .	3	15	10	3	11	1	5	11	7	4	1	8	2	12	7
Liverpool . . .	4	0	3	3	10	11	3	14	8	3	15	3	3	8	9
London . . .	5	6	10	5	6	3	5	8	2	4	13	10	4	17	6
Manchester . . .	3	13	1	3	8	4	4	11	4	3	11	9	3	4	3
Newcastle . . .	2	5	3	2	4	2	2	3	4	2	4	2	2	5	0
Northumberland . . .	1	3	11	1	1	7	1	3	4	1	1	9	1	2	6
By Presbyteries . . .	3	9	2	3	8	3	3	12	11	3	6	1	3	5	9
Total with donations . . .	3	14	4	3	13	11	4	2	0	3	12	3	3	11	6

The statistics of the Church record facts of extreme importance: they tell us of Congregations gathered and established, of gains and losses in the membership; of the voluntary offerings of substance to advance the cause of religion and charity, and of devotion to objects calculated to inspire the highest zeal. May such statistics exhibit in the future, as in the past, evidences the more assuring, because founded on fact, of constant growth and success.

LEONE LEVI,

Convener.

APPENDIX.

INVENTORY OF THE PROPERTY

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND ITS COMMITTEES,
1885.

REAL PROPERTY.

Churches, Halls, and Manse returned (see Table of Congregational Statistics)
as insured for £894,369. Estimated to have been insured for two-thirds
of the real value represent a capital of £1,341,553.

School Buildings, £4,800.

Mission Buildings in China and India.

Furniture, library, &c., of College, Queen Square.

Property belonging to Congregations.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

1. College Funds :

(A) Securities valued (last) at £27,200 in Railway property and Bank
shares, with rental of house in Strand, yielding £300. For
particulars, see Report of College Trustees, p. 808.

(B) Barbour Endowment £10,000 North Staffordshire Railway Five
per cent. Preference Stock.

2. Scholarships :

Securities in Indian Railways, Indian Government, Canadian Stock, and
British Railways, amounting to £6,402. For particulars, see Scholar-
ships Accounts, p. 932.

3. Sustentation Fund—Muter Trust :

Securities in Railway Property, Manufactures, and New Zealand Govern-
ment, Stocks valued at £21,328. For particulars, see Muter Account,
p. 911.

4. Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund :

Securities, sundry investments at cost price, £28,740. For particulars,
see Accounts, p. 913.

5. Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund :

Sundry Investments at cost price, at December 31, 1884, £6,429. For
particulars, see Accounts, p. 913.

COST OF CHURCHES.

Presbytery of Birmingham.

Date.	Sittings.	Cost.	Cost per Sitting.
		£	£ s. d.
1865 Birmingham, Camp Hill ...	600	4,000	6 13 4
1865 Derby ...	450	3,100	6 17 1
„ Sunday School Hall ...	—	700	—
1865 Leicester ...	700	4,500	6 8 9
1867 Nottingham ...	500	3,800	5 12 0
„ Lecture Hall ...	—	700	—
1867 Shrewsbury ...	500	5,042	10 1 7
1882 Walsall ...	550	3,264	5 18 8
1866 Worcester ...	800	7,000	8 15 0
		Average	£7 9 9

Presbytery of Bristol.

1875 Aberdare ...	400	4,600	11 10 0
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Date.			Sittings.	Cost. £	Cost per Sitting. £ s. d.
1865 Cardiff	700	6,000*	8 18 5
1868 Gloucester	600	4,500	7 10 0
1864 Swansea	...	...	1,200	8,000	6 13 4
Average					£8 10 6

Presbytery of Carlisle.

1863 Carlisle, Warwick Road (including Site for Manse)	650	2,618	4 0 0
Manse (exclusive of site) ...	—	1,005	—
1881 Harrington	250	1,450	5 16 0
Average			£4 16 0

Presbytery of Darlington.

1873 Hull, Holderness Road ...	1,050	5,525	5 5 3
1868 „ Prospect Street...	850	6,000	7 1 2
1874 „ Springbank	500	6,100	12 4 0
1872 Middlesborough, Trinity ...	550	4,500	8 3 7
1867 Stockton, St. George's ...	550	7,445	13 10 9
1858 West Hartlepool	650	5,000	7 13 10
1874 Whitby	460	5,600	12 3 6
1874 York	800	6,000	7 10 0
Average			£9 4 0

Presbytery of Liverpool.

1868 Birkenhead, Hamilton ...	600	3,000	5 0 0
1864 Liverpool, Fairfield	600	6,154	10 5 0
1879 „ Sefton Park (including Lecture Hall, &c.)	900	19,869	22 1 6
1876 „ „ Union	907	7,746	8 10 9
1867 St. Helen's	500	3,452	6 18 0
„ Manse and School	—	1,500	—
1870 Southport Church	450	6,910	15 7 1
1873 Waterloo	311	5,888	18 18 0
Average			£11 16 0

Presbytery of London.

1867 Bournemouth	335	3,400	10 2 11
1877 Canterbury	440	5,000	11 8 3
1878 Eastbourne	700	6,700	9 11 0
1868 Gravesend	750	4,842	6 9 0
1870 Ipswich	500	4,100	8 4 0
„ Lecture Hall	—	566	—
1881 London, Blackheath (Lecture Hall)	—	1,900	—
1869 „ Bow	468	3,650*	7 14 0
1882 „ Brockley (including Lecture Hall)	977	8,200	8 7 10
1867 „ Camberwell	550	7,178	11 11 6
1870 „ Camden Road	650	9,445	14 10 7
„ Lecture Hall	—	1,150	—
1871 „ Clapton	550	6,368	11 11 6
1876 „ Crouch Hill	606	8,250	13 12 3
1868 „ Hammersmith	550	7,015	12 18 1
1869 „ Kentish Town	700	2,750*	3 18 6
1875 „ Marylebone	1,575	15,000	9 10 5
1870 „ New Barnet	290	2,825	9 16 3
1872 „ Notting Hill	870	13,234	15 4 0
1877 „ Oxenden	560	8,000	14 5 8
„ Lecture Hall	—	1,400	—

* Approximate.

Date.		Sittings.	Cost. £	Cost per Sitting. £ s. d.
1882	London, Somers Town ...	1,060	8,380	7 18 1
	Institute ...	—	1,492	—
1872	" South Kensington ...	800	7,200	9 0 0
1875	" Streatham ...	389	5,696	14 12 10
1864	" Tottenham ...	450	6,000	13 6 8
1874	" Upper Norwood ...	520	6,500	12 10 0
	" Lecture Hall, &c. ...	—	1,000	—
1872	" Wandsworth ...	600	7,500	12 10 0
1875	" Willesden ...	400	3,500	8 15 0
1875	" Wood Green ...	500	5,852	11 14 1
1867	Norwich ...	650	4,323	6 13 0
	" Schoolroom & other property ...	—	2,177	—
1880	Portsmouth ...	586	6,966	11 17 7
1879	Reading ...	540	5,500	10 1 8
1883	St. Leonards ...	820	8,011	9 15 4
1874	Southampton, Woolston ...	386	3,300	8 10 0
			Average	£10 4 6

Presbytery of Manchester.

1879	Leeds, Cavendish Road (includ- ing Lecture Hall) ...	600	6,000	10 0 0
1868	Manchester, Bowdon ...	400	7,000	17 6 0
1875	" Higher Broughton (includ- ing Lecture Hall, &c.) ...	650	8,000	—
1871	" Longsight (includ- ing Sabbath School) ...	450	5,500	12 4 5
1871	" Pendleton ...	500	3,800	7 12 0
1874	" Sale ...	700	6,600	9 8 6
	" Manse ...	—	1,650	—
1867	" Withington ...	560	6,227	11 2 5
1872	Ramsbottom ...	650	7,500	11 10 9
1869	Wigan ...	630	5,676	9 0 2
	" School and Cottage ...	—	1,000	—
			Average	£11 5 6

Presbytery of Newcastle.

1878	Blackhill ...	340	2,500	7 7 1
1883	Bellingham... ..	250	1,750	7 0 0
1873	Blyth, Waterloo Road ...	600	5,300	8 16 8
1872	Durham ...	380	3,500	9 4 2
1869	Gateshead, Durham Road ...	850	7,500	8 16 0
1869	Hebburn-on-Tyne ...	880	14,000	15 18 2
1877	Houghton-le-Spring ...	400	3,500	8 15 0
1874	Jarrow, Wear Street ...	312	2,800	8 19 6
1873	Newcastle, Barras Bridge ...	700	5,222	7 9 0
1881	" Heaton (Lecture Hall, &c.) ...	186	1,250	6 14 5
1872	Newcastle, Westmoreland Road ...	750	6,000*	8 0 0
1883	Seaham Harbour ...	310	1,850	5 19 4
1877	South Shields, St. John's ...	630	5,500	8 14 7
1878	" " St. Paul's ...	380	3,200	8 8 5
1871	Sunderland, Trinity ...	700	4,000	5 14 3
1877	Wark ...	160	1,411	8 16 0
	" Manse ...	—	1,425	—
			Average	£8 17 0

Presbytery of Northumberland.

1860	Morpeth ...	850	4,350	2 7 3
1863	Newbiggin ...	300	709	5 2 4
			Average	£4 8 0
			Total Average	£9 7 2

* Approximate.

TABLES
OF
GENERAL STATISTICS.

PART I.
CONGREGATIONAL.

GENERAL

OF

PRESBYTERIAN

PRESENTED TO THE

PART I.—CON

F, Freehold ; L, Leasehold and number

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
PRESBYTERIES.									
BERWICK.									
1	Ancroft Moor	1845	1880	F	£ 1200	£ ...	£ 160	220	133
2	Beaumont	1850	1882	L 65	1000	...	...	360	338
3	Belford†	1777	1884	L 41	1300	...	...	360	268
4	Berwick—Bankhill	1719	1863	a L 250	6600	...	...	400	242
5	—Church Street	1812	1883	F	1000	...	...	600	free
6	—Wallace Green	1771	vacant	F	6300	...	...	1031	907
7	Chatton	1850	1851	L	800	...	...	500	260
8	Crookham	1732	1864	F	...	50	...	480	205
9	Etal	1696	1866	F	400	...	...	400	230
10	Horncliffe	1853	1858	F	800	...	70	325	174
11	Lewick	1662	1874	F	750	...	150	450	184
12	Norham—North... ..	1845	1858	F	...	...	300	500	201
13	—South... ..	1737	1870	F	500	...	...	350	130
14	Spittal	1752	1881	C	3700	550	...	700	349
15	Tweedmouth	1840	1884	C	800	...	300	400	202
	One Preaching Station ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	140	free
					19150	600	980	7216	3763
BIRMINGHAM.									
16	Birmingham—Broad Street	1839	1875	L 54	*4000	...	...	800	105
17	—Camphill	1865	1867	F	4500	800	...	600	133
18	—New John Street	1855	1882	F	3000	...	...	400	79
19	—Smethwick	1853	1868	F	1690	...	...	350	free
20	Burton-on-Trent	1861	1870	L 85	1600	58	...	334	130
21	Derby	1865	1865	F	2616	440	...	450	110
22	Dudley	1842	vacant	F	2000	250	...	500	60
23	Hanley	1847	1858	C	...	...	...	...	...
24	Leicester	1865	1883	F	3900	1000	...	600	205
25	Nottingham	1867	1880	L 81	4000	...	...	500	251
26	Shrewsbury	1867	1875	F	2700	...	...	500	59
27	Stafford	1672	1878	F	600	...	...	230	169
28	Walsall	1877	1883	L 94	3000	400	...	550	89
29	Wolverhampton	1862	1876	F	5000	1030	...	600	307
30	Worcester	1865	vacant	F	5100	...	...	800	90
					42716	3978	...	7214	1793

(a) Means Freehold.

(b) Exclusive of £300 insured on Manse.

(c) Belongs to all the Berwick Congregations.

† Two congregations now united.

STATISTICS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

SNOD IN 1884.

GREGATIONAL.

ars; C, Copyhold; P, Perpetuity.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.		
							1881.	1883.												
2	3	...	5	33	32	1	117	112	...	5	1	...	...	3	32	...	...	...	1
7	...	12	15	62	75	2	318	318	1	11	...	18	...	8	93	...	...	15	2
6	...	12	6	...	...	4	208	344	2	3	4	...	...	6	40	...	...	...	3
8	5	...	10	18	13	5	260	250	1	12	5	7	10	9	80	...	50	41	4	
11	...	18	32	23	12	16	335	308	4	20	10	20	6	11	91	...	15	50	5	
18	...	23	24	60	32	37	870	845	7	30	21	25	55	67	519	...	...	102	6
5	...	12	18	37	38	15	264	262	1	18	15	...	...	4	58	...	...	20	7
3	10	...	14	14	19	9	185	185	...	8	6	...	...	2	33	94	...	16	8
4	1	...	12	28	34	7	208	207	2	14	7	6	...	5	50	...	...	12	7
5	...	...	19	19	25	7	194	186	...	14	5	1	...	5	76	96	...	15	10
4	4	...	11	94	125	13	188	221	...	12	13	...	...	7	78	...	...	24	11
3	4	...	5	16	18	3	190	190	2	17	3	76	...	6	70	...	...	12	12
3	...	6	4	20	24	...	140	140	1	3	...	...	...	5	33	...	...	8	13
13	...	12	7	23	16	19	286	291	2	20	7	25	...	18	136	...	...	50	14
3	...	4	8	24	14	...	193	180	2	18	...	7	...	8	81	139	...	18	15	
2	...	6	...	2	2	1	39	48	...	3	1	4	2	8	60	...	...	...
97	27	105	190	482	479	139	4000	4087	25	208	98	189	73	172	1530	323	65	383		
5	...	12	5	19	10	6	126	118	3	8	3	10	18	29	278	...	19	8	16	
4	...	13	1	7	3	2	152	149	1	7	1	18	25	33	384	...	28	17	17	
5	...	8	6	3	2	5	83	81	...	2	1	12	45	30	226	...	...	28	18
5	...	12	6	1	2	5	83	83	1	4	...	8	20	24	295	...	...	12	19
2	...	12	5	4	5	6	98	100	2	2	1	...	...	18	133	...	...	5	20
2	...	9	...	11	5	4	87	82	...	4	...	...	15	20	140	...	14	...	21
...	...	12	...	...	7	32	60	99	...	...	4	...	...	15	130	...	...	20	22
5	...	10	7	2	4	11	133	128	...	11	1	...	...	16	124	...	...	6	23
3	...	7	3	14	4	1	84	72	2	8	1	5	10	10	65	...	25	7	24	
4	...	15	10	20	12	13	211	206	2	12	1	17	22	41	434	...	49	20	25	
2	...	11	10	...	2	8	88	88	1	5	1	...	...	11	78	...	...	20	26
3	...	12	19	1	5	4	125	114	1	9	4	4	12	16	197	...	12	56	27	
3	...	12	8	3	1	17	74	79	...	3	1	6	15	13	146	...	20	30	28	
7	...	12	25	17	12	8	219	197	9	16	3	20	57	15	186	...	38	67	29	
4	5	...	2	3	4	...	93	123	...	3	...	...	...	21	209	...	...	...	30
54	5	157	107	105	78	122	1716	1719	22	94	22	100	239	312	3025	...	205	296		

(d) Church in course of rebuilding.

(*) Exclusive of £2,000 insured on Schools.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Mans.		
BRISTOL.									
31	Aberdare... ..	1875	1882	L 990	2500	750	...	400	100
32	Bristol	1855	1881	F	4000	175	...	700	361
33	Cardiff	1865	1881	L 79	5500	...	500	630	362
34	Cheltenham	1860	1873	F	2000	...	...	400	222
35	Gloucester	1868	1881	P	5000	...	...	600	247
36	Plymouth	1861	1864	F	5500	...	...	825	590
37	Swansea	1862	vacant	L 78	7000	1300	...	1200	242
38	Swindon	1884	vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...
39	Torquay	1864	1872	L 76	4000	...	...	486	270
					35500	2225	500	524	2394
CARLISLE.									
40	Bewcastle	1836	1881	L 4	...	...	...	200	free
41	Brampton	1649	1881	F	1000	...	...	280	104
42	Carlisle—Fisher Street ...	1688	1862	F	2700	...	...	571	463
43	„ —Warwick Road	1862	1873	F	1600	...	383	650	free
44	Cleator Moor	1867	1869	F	700	...	...	225	158
45	Haltwhistle	1744	1880	F	400	...	...	200	30
46	Harrington	1881	1881	L 996	1000	...	...	235	180
47	Maryport—Crosby Street ...	1831	1851	F	1100	...	...	400	210
48	„ —John Street... ..	1776	1880	F	1000	...	40	320	168
49	Penrith	1700	vacant	F	400	...	...	210	81
50	Silloth	1884	1884	...	...	...	...	...	...
51	Whitehaven—High Street ...	1775	1834	F	1000	...	...	400	98
52	„ —Market Place	1836	1866	F	2600	...	...	514	301
53	Workington	1767	1884	P	1000	...	...	240	185
	Two Preaching Stations ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	250	free
					14500	...	423	4695	1983
DARLINGTON.									
54	Bishop Auckland	1863	1867	L 80	1900	...	...	240	free
55	Crook	1861	1863	F	1100	...	...	250	free
56	Darlington	1865	1880	F	2000	450	...	500	270
57	Grimsby	1874	1883	F	3000	1466	...	450	192
58	Harrogate	1876	1882	F	500	...	...	312	97
59	Hartlepool	1839	1843	F	4000	2000	...	750	200
60	Hull—Holderness Road	1873	1882	F	4000	1100	...	1050	free
61	„ —Prospect Street	1867	1868	F	4000	400	1005	850	free
62	„ —Springbank	1838	1882	F	4000	1830	...	500	free
63	Middlesbrough—Newport Road ...	1862	1879	F	2000	600	250	650	145
64	„ —Trinity	1872	1880	F	3000	...	...	550	198
65	Mount Pleasant	1863	1863	F	1650	...	...	300	106
66	Redcar	1872	1883	L	400	...	...	230	122
67	Scarborough	1880	1884	...	...	...	...	...	...
68	Stockton—St. Andrew's	1845	1871	F	3100	...	...	340	258
69	„ —St. George's	1867	1880	F	3000	1200	...	530	160
70	Towlaw	1863	1864	F	1000	110	...	200	free
71	West Hartlepool	1858	1858	F	5000	200	...	650	256
72	Whitby	1874	vacant	F	3150	2150	...	500	130
73	York	1874	1885	F	4000	700	...	850	94
					50800	12206	1255	9702	2228

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time	No. received by Certificate.	No. removed by Certificate.	Number lapses, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1881.	1883.											
5	...	10	5	1	3	5	57	59	4	5	3	2	...	24	126	...	25	25	31
6	...	15	20	13	9	14	201	191	1	14	5	...	35	24	197	...	45	20	32
8	...	20	25	31	27	7	266	241	3	23	1	9	48	20	167	...	30	50	33
6	...	7	10	9	12	9	147	149	4	1	5	25	82	21	162	...	...	...	34
6	...	9	15	5	10	9	172	171	3	7	2	13	...	20	248	...	...	30	35
5	6	...	14	24	4	16	196	206	12	28	4	12	15	31	634	...	60	30	36
3	...	12	2	8	3	13	144	150	...	5	3	...	...	27	230	...	25	...	37
3	...	7	19	2	2	...	58	39	...	2	...	...	...	9	50	...	...	...	38
5	...	7	4	12	6	...	138	128	4	6	...	...	18	5	40	...	...	20	39
47	6	87	114	105	76	73	1379	1334	31	91	23	61	198	181	1864	...	185	175	
3	...	3	...	1	...	5	61	65	...	8	5	9	...	5	40	...	...	10	40
4	...	6	...	3	5	4	67	66	1	5	2	7	...	12	100	...	...	...	41
14	...	15	26	36	20	10	400	368	6	17	5	...	7	48	640	...	24	40	42
7	13	...	10	16	15	18	305	312	10	19	6	31	20	77	479	...	31	50	43
4	4	...	2	10	4	11	87	90	1	18	2	7	...	10	95	50	...	30	44
3	...	10	...	...	6	1	32	39	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	...	...	...	45
5	...	15	19	9	2	12	149	135	1	23	1	...	10	24	287	...	...	...	46
5	...	14	11	7	1	1	130	114	4	18	1	6	...	27	160	...	...	18	47
6	...	6	13	7	2	8	127	115	3	8	2	...	...	18	107	...	...	16	48
3	...	5	3	9	5	8	89	102	...	4	5	...	...	11	45	...	...	7	49
2	...	10	...	2	1	...	72	...	...	7	...	...	...	11	60	...	...	...	50
4	...	15	29	3	1	1	115	86	2	12	1	5	...	15	121	...	...	50	51
5	...	7	13	15	5	16	224	215	2	43	5	13	36	20	206	...	...	25	52
6	...	12	4	13	7	18	134	142	3	9	4	6	12	29	340	...	43	...	53
2	...	10	8	5	1	4	43	23	...	2	1	...	...	5	57	...	...	...
73	17	128	141	138	72	117	2035	1872	33	193	40	84	85	314	2743	50	98	240	
5	...	10	8	13	13	8	106	106	...	8	3	26	16	14	100	...	...	18	54
6	...	12	14	2	5	7	96	92	1	16	...	10	...	21	160	...	12	12	55
4	11	...	5	27	13	21	214	219	2	16	2	33	15	47	437	...	22	12	56
9	5	...	19	4	5	5	146	133	3	5	1	12	20	32	318	...	...	54	57
5	...	11	7	8	5	2	66	56	...	...	...	...	...	6	30	...	...	20	58
3	...	16	6	20	10	6	180	170	...	14	1	6	12	25	200	...	10	...	59
7	7	...	24	1	5	30	187	197	2	8	3	...	...	59	722	...	...	17	60
21	...	...	32	14	6	70	525	551	...	11	7	46	20	64	560	...	...	...	61
4	10	...	5	22	10	11	125	121	1	5	1	...	...	18	130	...	30	...	62
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	130	126	...	7	...	...	...	16	170	...	...	12	63
4	...	12	4	19	15	...	169	167	...	1	9	4	3	25	350	...	90	...	64
5	...	11	4	9	6	4	115	112	1	7	...	7	...	20	107	...	...	25	65
4	...	6	1	1	11	1	87	97	...	4	1	...	...	7	72	...	...	...	66
3	...	5	15	19	...	...	47	16	...	3	...	...	...	4	45	...	17	12	67
8	...	15	12	16	8	7	237	224	1	19	1	8	12	31	340	...	...	...	68
C	6	...	4	6	2	7	141	141	2	7	...	6	17	13	258	...	...	21	69
4	...	9	28	1	1	9	82	63	...	7	...	4	...	16	145	...	...	14	70
5	...	12	10	14	20	7	210	213	...	25	4	...	...	42	457	...	...	42	71
2	...	8	6	1	1	4	103	101	2	9	1	...	...	17	145	...	...	...	72
4	...	8	6	8	7	27	115	135	1	6	2	11	...	8	65	...	15	20	73
113	45	142	213	216	144	236	3081	3040	17	186	34	166	112	485	4811	...	194	279	

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CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
	LIVERPOOL.				£	£	£		
74	Barrow-in-Furness ...	1868	1870	F	6200	273	...	758	342
75	Birkenhead—Claughton ...	1863	1863	F	8500	...	...	782	618
76	" —Grange Road ...	1846	¹⁸⁴⁷ 1880	F	4100	...	...	637	563
77	" —Hamilton... ..	1868	1874	F	4200	...	350	600	185
78	" —St. Andrew's ...	1840	1868	F	4000	...	...	793	345
79	" —St. Paul's ...	1858	1870	F	3100	735	...	410	268
80	Chester	1846	¹⁸⁶⁷ 1883	F	1500	900	...	414	94
81	Douglas	1825	1866	F	3000	...	...	600	218
82	Egremont	1859	1865	F	5000	...	...	749	397
83	Liverpool—Canning Street ...	1844	1880	F	7500	...	...	984	480
84	" —Derby Road	1855	1877	L 71	9400	...	...	1100	690
85	" —Everton Valley	1862	1868	L 60	5000	...	...	350	602
86	" —Fairfield	1864	1866	F	5100	...	...	600	417
87	" —Islington	1845	1874	F	*5000	...	...	832	540
88	" —Mount Pleasant	1807	1881	L	6600	...	...	1000	445
89	" —Peel Road	1884	1884	L 99	1200	...	...	420	260
90	" —Prince's Road	1864	1879	F	5500	690	...	596	308
91	" —Queen's Road	1861	1864	F	6000	1000	...	850	302
92	" —St. George's	1845	1877	F	8000	...	...	1105	605
93	" —St. Peter's	1842	1878	F	6000	...	...	700	296
94	" —Sefton Park	1879	1880	L	15750	...	...	800	800
95	" —Shaw Street	1860	1876	F	3000	...	...	500	152
96	" —Trinity	1857	1858	F	2560	...	...	453	231
97	" —Union	1876	1878	L 69	5000	720	...	907	free
98	" —Vauxhall Road	1867	1868	F	3000	...	...	450	free
99	Parkgate	1858	1875	F	3000	400	...	300	free
100	Ramsey	1834	1878	C	500	...	...	190	103
101	Rock Ferry	1856	1857	F	3800	...	...	630	300
102	St. Helen's	1867	1875	L 982	6000	...	...	500	191
103	Southport	1870	1879	F	6150	...	...	450	250
104	Sutton	1850	vacant	F	500	...	...	250	120
105	Walton	1884	1884	L 5	1000	80	...	300	free
106	Waterloo	1873	1873	F	5000	...	...	345	330
	One Preaching Station ... ..	...	...	L	500	...	...	230	free
					160660	4798	350	21185	10453
	LONDON.								
107	Aldershot	1862	1863	F	...	...	...	700	free
108	Aston Tirrold	1847	1874	F	500	...	...	150	free
109	Bournemo rth	1857	vacant	F	3100	...	...	310	170
110	Brighton—Queen's Road ...	1845	1880	F	4000	...	400	650	free
111	" —Trinity	1870	1871	F	2000	300	...	450	300
112	Canterbury	1877	1883	F	4500	1000	...	450	80
113	Chatham	1839	1884	L	850	...	...	560	free
114	Croydon	1867	1880	F	9400	...	850	540	280
115	Darenth	1881	vacant	F	...	...	...	130	...
	Carried forward ... ..	...	...	...	24350	1300	1250	3940	830

* Exclusive of £2,000 insured on Mission Hall.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND--continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	No. Lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marrriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.		
							1884.	1883.												
9	...	14	12	25	7	18	331	319	5	19	8	32	...	34	293	...	63	37	74	
10	...	15	18	21	8	17	342	314	2	12	3	8	...	37	524	...	45	60	75	
9	...	17	19	36	10	14	453	422	...	20	7	27	20	71	835	...	35	76	76	
5	...	5	11	13	16	9	156	157	4	14	1	6	...	11	160	220	...	17	77	
12	11	...	17	19	23	24	402	413	...	...	5	14	80	63	756	988	28	35	78
7	...	13	12	21	13	9	226	215	3	9	2	12	25	30	439	...	45	17	79	
3	1	6	1	9	12	28	75	105	...	10	4	4	10	22	191	...	...	8	80
3	5	...	2	7	...	1	151	159	...	...	1	...	...	13	90	...	28	...	81
9	...	12	...	...	...	...	529	481	...	29	...	45	12	118	1304	899	35	...	82
11	8	...	16	25	14	36	510	519	...	12	10	30	35	105	1081	...	90	125	83	
13	...	15	21	30	59	45	675	728	3	39	10	29	42	68	662	...	...	41	84
9	...	17	21	40	43	43	603	627	5	36	19	17	11	71	682	...	45	28	85	
5	...	10	9	24	...	...	315	310	3	15	...	16	40	44	597	...	61	15	86
6	...	15	32	18	18	77	530	575	6	23	8	29	30	63	771	...	30	80	87	
10	...	16	17	14	12	14	347	342	4	7	9	10	30	50	446	...	...	45	88
...	...	15	27	54	1	3	157	...	...	20	1	20	...	26	239	...	28	33	89
7	...	15	7	22	10	34	401	416	2	30	6	...	25	22	268	...	31	...	90	
7	...	24	10	27	5	51	311	331	5	19	6	30	16	54	725	...	30	29	91	
7	15	...	22	39	6	54	490	489	4	20	6	...	42	46	422	...	36	76	92	
9	...	18	42	18	31	75	376	422	3	36	13	12	...	52	593	...	54	23	93	
9	10	...	36	88	40	2	533	451	2	39	2	37	192	75	992	...	90	50	94	
5	...	10	11	10	7	11	198	195	2	21	2	7	...	16	150	...	40	25	95	
4	...	12	13	11	8	4	187	175	1	10	1	...	12	14	130	...	...	60	96
11	...	24	27	66	20	78	586	591	7	26	13	15	55	72	602	...	50	62	97	
3	6	...	...	...	...	3	98	102	1	5	3	1	75	15	235	...	17	15	98
2	...	12	1	4	3	3	72	72	...	5	2	10	30	8	80	...	...	13	99
3	...	7	7	2	...	3	67	61	...	4	3	...	...	19	171	...	...	...	100
6	...	14	12	6	3	6	256	257	3	11	2	28	104	52	812	...	...	22	101
5	...	12	4	5	4	4	135	134	5	14	...	6	15	23	333	...	38	35	102	
7	...	8	5	25	9	13	173	171	2	4	3	...	...	12	92	...	18	17	103
4	...	6	7	5	11	12	76	97	...	5	2	6	...	10	115	80	...	18	104	
...	...	9	4	34	12	5	76	...	...	3	1	...	...	9	71	...	...	...	105
4	...	7	30	12	5	2	143	131	...	7	2	...	25	14	138	...	...	...	106
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	119	...	6	...	4	12	...	60	...	...	...	...
216	56	348	476	730	410	698	9985	9900	72	530	155	463	946	1339	15059	2193	937	1056	...	
4	...	16	12	10	8	8	129	129	...	12	4	7	...	20	195	...	50	20	107	
3	...	2	3	2	2	1	56	54	1	3	1	4	13	5	38	31	...	11	108	
9	2	...	12	4	2	6	163	139	1	5	2	...	...	35	257	...	...	...	109
2	7	...	9	11	10	31	233	254	5	4	2	10	28	61	515	...	50	76	110	
4	...	12	...	...	...	...	120	120	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	111
2	...	5	11	4	1	10	53	48	1	1	...	8	...	12	150	...	...	40	112
3	...	15	69	38	3	11	175	85	6	11	...	...	15	15	166	...	...	30	113
6	12	...	25	15	20	15	210	205	1	5	3	...	20	14	119	...	...	34	114
...	...	5	...	...	...	...	33	44	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	115
33	21	55	141	84	46	82	1172	1078	15	44	12	29	91	162	1440	31	100	211	...	

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
	Brought forward ...				£	£	£		
116	Eastbourne ...	1878	1878	F	24350	1300	1250	3940	830
117	Edenbridge ...	1882	1882	...	6500	3700	...	700	490
118	Gravesend ...	1868	1879	F	4200	1436	...	750	210
119	Guernsey ...	1856	1882	P	500	100	...	210	50
120	Highfields Withyham ...	1881	1881	F	...	...	...	200	free
121	Holybourne ...	1880	1882	P	600	...	...	270	free
122	Ipswich ...	1863	1880	F	3550	*390	...	470	245
123	Jersey ...	1856	1882	F	†3000	...	...	463	281
124	Lewes ...	1865	1877	F	a1400	...	...	350	84
125	London—Belgrave ...	1846	1882	L 33	4000	2520	...	600	315
126	„ —Bermondsey ...	1873	1882	F	600	500	...	320	114
127	„ —Blackheath ...	1881	1884	F	1170	178	...	250	104
128	„ —Bow Road ...	1869	1872	L 71	3300	828	...	468	68
129	„ —Brockley ...	1877	1881	P	6000	12600	...	977	276
130	„ —Camberwell ...	1867	1875	F	5100	1250	...	550	441
131	„ —Camden Road ...	1857	1883	L 81	8000	1200	...	650	360
132	„ —Canonbury ...	1662	1880	L 54	3500	...	...	450	150
133	„ —Clapham Road ...	1861	1875	F	12300	...	...	1380	976
134	„ —Clapton ...	1856	1861	F	6000	800	...	550	227
135	„ —Crouch Hill ...	1876	1883	F	7000	6500	...	640	free
136	„ —Ealing ...	1875	1876	F	800	...	...	c ...	c ...
137	„ —East India Road ...	1865	1865	L 72	2200	...	...	350	150
138	„ —Forest Hill ...	1870	1883	F	8300	2300	...	800	420
139	„ —Greenwich ...	1842	1873	L 62	7650	...	...	825	312
140	„ —Hammersmith ...	1869	1869	L 84	4500	1300	...	550	289
141	„ —Hampstead ...	1845	1864	F	6000	...	...	474	263
142	„ —Highbury ...	1859	1860	L 65	14000	...	...	950	529
143	„ —Islington ...	1839	1863	F	4800	250	...	800	696
144	„ —Kensington ...	1862	1882	L 72	7000	2000	...	600	366
145	„ —Kentish Town ...	1869	1882	L 45	3000	600	...	700	182
146	„ —Kingston and Surbiton ...	1874	1879	F	3000	1700	...	442	142
147	„ —Marylebone ...	1844	1870	L 87	12000	4250	2000	1578	867
148	„ —Millwall ...	1862	1872	L 76	1000	...	...	300	92
149	„ —New Barnet ...	1870	1877	F	2400	...	...	280	123
150	„ —Notting Hill ...	1872	1880	F	8200	...	...	790	400
151	„ —Oxendon ...	1737	1884	F	5000	2200	...	690	220
152	„ —Putney ...	1879	1879	F	2000	1232	...	320	149
153	„ —Regent Square ...	1822	1869	F	15000	...	...	998	962
154	„ —Richmond ...	1877	1878	F	1400	...	...	168	114
155	„ —St. John's Wood ...	1853	1880	F	9000	1161	...	1004	910
156	„ —Silvertown ...	1883	1883	F	1000	...	...	202	122
157	„ —Somers Town ...	1876	1876	L 45	7600	...	...	1060	600
158	„ —South Kensington ...	1872	1873	F	7000	3500	...	800	389
159	„ —Southwark ...	1845	1884	L 18	2000	...	...	800	120
160	„ —Stepney ...	1844	1881	L 31	3000	181	...	750	182
161	„ —Stoke Newington ...	1880	1883	F	4320	4250	...	710	181
162	„ —Stratford ...	1863	1877	F	7500	1500	...	810	360
163	„ —Streatham ...	1875	vacant	F	4800	740	...	380	204
164	„ —Tooting ...	1881	1881	F	800	...	300	500	104
165	„ —Tottenham ...	1863	1864	F	2800	...	770	450	226
	Carried forward ...				259140	44453	4320	33429	14935

(a) Exclusive of £609 insured on Manse.

(b) On Organ.

(c) No return.

(*) Exclusive of £70 on Lecture Hall.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.					MARITAL AGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. admitted 1st Time.	No. received by Certificate.	No. removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.	Marrriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	No.
							1884.	1883.										
33	21	55	141	84	46	82	1172	1078	15	44	12	29	91	162	1440	31	100	211
3	16	27	10	12	13	13	204	192	3	9	5	...	35	18	153	...	18	40
...	8	2	...	...	42	31	...	2	...	3	...	9	83	6	...	...
4	3	...	12	4	4	2	100	100	1	6	...	...	4	13	167	...	...	...
...	...	5	5	1	2	7	34	37	...	4	1	...	...	7	42	...	...	...
...	...	2	...	3	...	4	19	20	...	1	1	...	...	5	41	...	...	...
...	43	36	...	1	...	4	...	9	36	...	...	...
...	...	7	...	...	...	...	164	131	2	15	1	15	37	22	179	...	20	24
...	...	7	24	27	15	15	274	250	2	8	6	23	49	56	308	...	...	102
...	...	2	27	...	...	...	63	64	1	2	1	4	27	14	119	...	7	7
...	2	...	...	3	274	283	3	4	4	7	80	35	352	...	60	30
...	...	6	55	15	55	...	91	101	...	6	2	...	...	17	142	...	...	...
...	...	9	2	6	15	...	51	51	...	...	1	...	...	6	55	...	...	...
...	...	1	1	8	8	1	71	71	...	...	...	...	...	4	90	...	...	...
...	...	9	3	9	5	7	259	266	1	6	...	...	15	4	...	...	...	...
...	17	34	19	39	403	400	1	6	2	24	50	21	311	...	52	90
...	14	42	16	37	308	267	5	13	5	14	40	41	500	...	75	...
10	16	...	71	40	37	33	150	153	2	19	4	9	40	64	526	...	45	...
...	...	14	6	18	12	13	1070	1016	2	5	1	...	10	41	385	...	35	40
...	...	12	162	66	54	120	134	132	6	30	8	15	186	88	1076	...	107	...
...	...	10	...	...	...	...	283	210	1	10	...	6	33	22	220	...	...	...
...	...	9	16	83	23	3	84	80	2	15	1	15	19	41	368	...	65	...
...	...	9	2	10	8	...	157	163	...	2	...	6	14	7	80	...	...	...
...	15	9	20	218	203	...	...	3	5	...	14	178	...	25	...
...	...	18	10	42	16	21	248	226	1	17	3	6	30	33	276	...	41	...
...	...	6	26	21	7	17	188	183	2	6	1	9	25	28	323	...	...	...
...	...	12	4	12	11	6	228	232	2	14	1	16	27	6	105	...	...	...
...	17	11	18	542	534	...	5	2	6	35	19	105	...	19	...
11	11	...	51	26	38	31	530	532	6	13	2	27	77	77	1277	...	48	...
...	201	185	4	26	...	...	30	67	823	...	84	...
10	14	3	32	19	11	24	233	160	2	5	2	8	27	20	177	...	...	...
...	106	4	6	31	106	96	2	24	12	30	35	583	...	33	...	...
...	11	12	2	11	834	819	...	5	...	...	10	12	120	...	...	...
...	52	53	34	56	117	124	3	12	...	...	22	92	1161	...	26	...
...	6	6	4	15	80	77	2	3	1	...	...	21	384	...	21	...
...	...	6	2	11	9	1	246	237	1	13	1	5	17	16	144	...	20	...
...	21	17	13	37	143	128	...	14	...	14	22	54	545	...	30	...
...	...	12	20	41	14	32	65	70	...	15	2	6	...	23	275	...	30	...
...	...	5	1	15	14	7	819	781	...	...	2	...	12	...	...	...	...	...
...	44	85	50	41	98	94	5	25	13	25	61	179	2474	...	78	...
...	1	17	14	...	832	685	...	8	...	...	10	...	...	...	42	...
...	...	12	114	90	23	34	77	77	...	20	11	24	50	66	809	...	68	...
...	...	13	22	11	...	...	849	761	...	16	...	5	...	14	80	...	...	...
...	...	40	258	6	116	60	272	271	...	6	3	4	8	...	...	...	40	...
...	...	12	...	...	...	...	121	112	...	...	...	...	...	13	190	...	...	...
...	12	5	8	...	216	220	...	4	...	12	...	14	132	...	20	...
...	7	10	11	4	100	56	...	...	...	...	20	25	298	...	31	...
...	13	35	1	...	359	312	...	...	...	...	23	178	...	12	...	...
...	...	15	41	16	10	...	158	135	10	22	...	...	12	30	320	...	...	...
...	9	31	10	7	37	55	...	...	1	9	27	20	252	...	30	...
...	2	7	...	...	156	156	...	...	1	1	...	6	3	...	18	...
...	25	18	16	27	...	...	2	32	2	5	15	37	463	72	72	17
...
34	173	339	1464	1167	756	970	13523	12053	110	601	126	377	1306	1627	18370	171	1397	1799

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CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sitzings Church Seated for.	Number of Sitzings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
	Brought forward ...				£	£	£		
					259140	44453	4320	33429	14935
166	London—Upper Norwood ...	1874	1874	L 83	7000	1483	...	546	306
167	" —Victoria Docks ...	1874	1881	L 87	3500	...	...	420	162
168	" —Wandsworth... ..	1872	1877	F	5000	...	...	650	196
169	" —Westbourne Grove ...	1861	1871	F	7300	...	...	b ...	b ...
170	" —Whitfield	1873	1885	L	...	...	...	800	free
171	" —Willesden	1875	1884	L 91	5500	2000	...	540	400
172	" —Wimbledon	1884	vacant	...	...	...	...	...	c 57
173	" —Wood Green	1875	1879	F	7300	920	...	500	308
174	" —Woolwich New Road ...	1839	1849	F	5000	600	...	1100	...
175	" —" St. Andrew's ...	1861	1876	L 70	4000	...	...	430	337
176	Norwich... ..	1867	1881	F	a5000	...	1000	650	285
177	Portsmouth	1859	1885	L 999	5000	2727	...	520	177
178	Rangoon	1881	1881	F	833	...	500	350	free
179	Reading	1876	1884	F	4000	3000	...	650	150
180	St. Leonard's-on-Sea—Silverhill ...	1853	1877	F	1800	...	...	245	110
181	" —Warrior Square... ..	1882	1882	F	6000	6545	...	550	159
182	Singapore (e) ... ..	...	1883	F	...	...	...	165	78
183	Southampton—St. Andrew's ...	1849	1880	F	4000	...	...	600	378
184	" —Totton	1876	1876	F	500	200	...	200	90
185	" —Woolston	1874	1880	F	4000	...	...	386	100
186	Wallington	1880	1880	...	...	...	...	250	64
	Preaching Stations ... ..	...	...	...	1700	750	70	700	free
					336573	62678	5890	43681	18292
	MANCHESTER.								
187	Blackburn—Mount Street ...	1866	1874	L 924	1000	...	...	560	97
188	" —St. George's	1809	1868	L 982	6000	d ...	...	1000	621
189	Bolton	1840	1882	F	2000	...	...	500	305
190	Bradford	1847	1878	F	3000	300	...	500	324
191	Crewe	1845	1882	F	2500	...	...	380	150
192	Leeds—Cavendish Road	1864	1884	F	5500	2350	...	600	260
193	" —St. Columba	1853	1864	F	2300	...	...	400	107
194	Manchester—Ancoats	1839	1883	F	2000	...	...	650	free
195	" —Bowdon	1868	1869	L 999	5000	...	...	400	free
196	" —Brunswick Street ...	1798	1861	F	6000	...	...	644	326
197	" —Eccles	1877	1880	F	400	...	...	200	102
198	" —Grosvenor Square ...	1836	1884	F	6800	...	...	820	365
199	" —Higher Broughton ...	1874	1877	C	6000	...	...	650	189
200	" —Longsight... ..	1871	1878	F	4000	300	...	370	259
201	" —Pendleton... ..	1871	1883	L 984	2000	...	...	500	202
202	" —St. Andrew's	1846	1872	F	4600	...	...	800	350
203	" —Sale	1874	1874	F	6500	...	...	600	229
204	" —Salford	1845	1873	C	5000	...	...	800	167
205	" —Trinity	1845	1847	F	3500	...	...	750	360
206	" —† Whalley Range	1849	1875	L	6400	550	...	1000	543
207	" —Withington	1867	1882	L	5000	...	...	520	453
	Carried forward ... ..	...	...	...	85500	3500	...	12644	5409

(a) Exclusive of £800 insured on Manse.

(b) No return.

(c) Services held in Drill Hall temporarily.

(d) £2,510 debt on Whalley Range Mission School.

(e) No return having come to hand, last year's figures have been filled in.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—*continued.*

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1884.	1883.											
341	173	339	1464	1167	756	970	13523	12653	110	601	126	377	1306	1627	18370	171	1397	1799	
7	...	11	16	44	28	5	203	176	2	5	5	7	18	13	79	...	...	36	166
5	...	7	11	6	1	23	153	160	...	8	1	...	14	25	423	...	...	12	167
7	4	...	14	18	23	11	198	200	4	10	3	8	30	17	200	...	33	...	168
7	...	6	...	...	...	...	224	222	2	2	...	...	30	19	222	...	...	...	169
...	...	...	...	...	...	2	54	121	...	3	2	...	...	10	85	...	...	...	170
10	11	...	14	36	4	8	222	215	1	12	...	30	30	35	400	...	...	70	171
...	...	...	4	...	...	1	38	...	...	3	1	...	...	6	24	...	...	...	172
6	...	10	19	29	31	23	195	201	3	8	3	12	25	26	244	...	36	20	173
5	6	...	17	4	7	6	220	212	7	31	4	8	32	35	402	159	34	109	174
4	...	17	22	4	3	4	229	210	5	8	4	6	...	29	376	...	49	...	175
5	6	...	12	14	5	17	176	173	1	6	4	6	...	17	146	...	25	20	176
6	4	...	3	3	...	25	97	116	...	13	2	...	...	21	104	...	...	...	177
2	...	5	4	3	4	2	79	68	5	11	...	...	...	3	23	...	...	...	178
2	...	6	1	...	2	3	89	167	4	9	3	...	...	13	116	...	...	16	179
3	...	8	10	6	1	9	91	85	1	2	...	10	...	24	161	...	16	12	180
4	...	7	14	30	11	11	129	107	2	3	2	...	14	12	102	...	31	27	181
7	...	7	2	7	11	1	77	77	4	10	1	...	...	4	29	...	...	...	182
6	7	...	19	39	5	28	260	235	3	9	6	20	45	33	300	...	...	30	183
3	...	5	12	7	2	...	45	28	...	7	...	7	...	12	162	...	...	18	184
...	...	3	...	...	...	...	(e) 86	86	3	16	...	8	15	16	168	...	...	12	185
2	...	6	13	6	4	15	98	98	...	3	...	2	17	16	139	...	...	11	186
2	...	11	10	...	...	1	140	78	...	27	1	1	...	53	525	...	...	...
435	211	448	1681	1423	898	1165	16626	15688	157	807	168	502	1576	2066	22800	330	1621	2199	
2	...	16	10	1	2	10	56	57	6	9	3	8	...	11	160	...	...	31	187
16	...	25	44	33	7	28	504	462	21	33	8	44	...	66	856	522	25	20	188
7	...	9	7	8	5	7	292	289	4	23	3	...	5	24	189	...	34	14	189
10	...	15	24	11	20	5	233	223	3	14	4	...	30	22	311	...	...	56	190
1	...	6	8	3	1	14	112	116	...	8	2	6	12	15	230	830	...	20	191
11	...	15	5	12	14	41	210	265	1	13	1	...	...	22	124	...	54	...	192
1	...	18	18	29	2	...	63	65	2	14	...	3	...	8	70	...	22	30	193
8	11	...	25	17	7	10	253	228	2	16	5	8	18	25	285	500	45	36	194
4	...	8	9	9	5	12	130	123	1	8	...	6	13	8	75	...	...	7	195
8	...	15	23	14	12	27	283	285	2	13	9	13	17	53	494	100	...	15	196
2	...	9	10	11	4	17	90	90	2	7	4	...	...	12	88	...	28	6	197
10	9	...	14	7	...	...	362	358	1	19	...	25	45	44	555	...	16	12	198
4	5	7	4	15	9	4	107	101	...	4	...	12	28	16	119	...	30	22	199
7	8	...	14	9	4	10	175	166	3	4	...	10	...	34	343	...	35	24	200
7	...	12	15	39	8	9	183	148	2	11	4	31	...	28	328	...	26	32	201
8	5	13	10	10	2	2	249	233	5	9	2	11	28	25	277	...	35	20	202
3	...	12	10	22	5	13	155	141	3	14	2	38	20	32	180	...	52	50	203
6	10	...	9	13	3	8	216	205	4	8	3	12	6	30	332	508	32	42	204
7	11	...	12	23	13	5	255	260	4	18	5	20	20	32	315	...	30	45	205
12	...	15	20	9	18	12	403	404	1	12	8	37	21	60	544	...	35	62	206
9	9	...	13	31	13	16	254	239	...	17	3	...	36	21	192	...	55	133	207
144	68	195	304	326	154	250	4585	4458	67	274	66	284	299	588	6067	2540	554	676	

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CHURCHES.												
No.	CONGREGATIONS.				Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
									Church.	Mans.		
	Brought forward							£	£	£		
								85500	3500	...	12644	5409
208	Oldham			1884	vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
209	Preston			1877	1877	F	500	...	...	...	250	200
210	Ramsbottom			1817	1874	L 999	400	200	...	...	600	202
211	Risley			1662	vacant	F	...	...	...	...	120	18
212	Rochdale			1866	1884	L 983	4000	...	...	...	850	free
213	Sheffield			1854	1854	L 770	4000	...	...	...	470	310
214	Warrington			1854	1877	L 922	3000	...	...	...	450	117
215	Wharton			1662	1862	F	1500	...	...	...	300	237
216	Wigan			1869	1881	F	4000	2000	...	...	620	180
	One Preaching Station ... ..			...	...	F	...	...	...	...	150	free
							102900	5700	...	...	16454	6678
	NEWCASTLE.											
217	Bellingham			1806	1871	F	1400	...	...	...	250	170
218	Blackhill			1857	1869	F	2500	...	...	...	350	200
219	Blyth—Bridge Street			1827	1861	P	500	10	...	...	450	140
220	„ —Waterloo Road			1779	vacant	F	4000	700	...	...	500	234
221	Durham			1872	1880	F	3000	...	...	...	380	165
222	Falstone			1709	1882	F	500	...	...	...	270	221
223	Gateshead—Durham Road			1869	1876	F	6000	2476	...	...	850	319
224	„ —Ellison Street			1786	1885	F	1000	...	...	...	450	198
225	Gosforth			1877	1877	F	1200	...	...	...	280	150
226	Hebburn			1869	1882	L 79	7000	...	...	...	725	235
227	Hexham			1830	1856	F	2100	...	...	...	390	free
228	Houghton-le-Spring			1825	1869	F	3000	808	...	...	400	150
229	Jarrow—Ellison Street			1852	1857	L 79	4800	...	...	...	920	500
230	„ —St. Kilda's			1872	1873	L 91	2000	135	...	...	312	45
231	Killingworth			1869	vacant	L 275	400	...	...	...	170	30
232	Newcastle—Barras Bridge			1744	¹⁸³⁴ 1876	F	4000	250	...	...	700	615
233	„ —Blackett Street			1743	1862	F	5000	*39	...	...	650	640
234	„ —Erskine			1853	1857	F	1000	50	...	...	365	140
235	„ —Heaton			1877	1878	F	800	300	...	...	186	120
236	„ —John Knox			1678	1882	F	4000	...	...	...	616	478
237	„ —St. George's			1851	1854	F	2900	500	...	...	610	280
238	„ —Trinity			1765	1875	F	4000	...	...	...	819	785
239	„ —Westmoreland Road			1801	1872	F	4000	700	...	...	750	504
240	North Shields—Howard Street			1662	1873	F	2800	...	...	...	600	435
241	„ —Northumberland Square			1780	1882	F	3700	400	...	...	619	493
242	Seaham			1881	1882	L 74	2000	525	...	...	300	150
243	Seaton Burn			1873	1874	L 64	800	...	...	...	250	82
244	Seaton Delaval			1845	1857	F	1000	...	...	...	400	215
245	South Shields—Laygate			1849	1862	F	3550	...	...	...	500	free
246	„ —Mile End Road			1778	1867	F	2000	...	...	...	520	197
247	„ —St. John's			1728	1870	F	4000	...	...	...	630	342
	Carried forward							84950	6893	...	15212	8240

* Debt paid off subject to an annuity of £30 and another of £9.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed &c.	Number on last Revised Roll		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1884.	1883.											
144	68	195	304	326	154	250	4585	4458	67	274	66	284	299	588	6067	2540	554	676	
...	...	12	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	3	...	...	...	5	60	...	...	...	208
6	...	21	15	9	8	5	212	201	4	15	2	10	...	22	269	...	...	35	209
4	1	3	6	7	...	34	104	125	2	10	6	5	26	12	230	...	30	...	210
...	...	9	2	...	...	...	13	11	1	1	...	...	...	4	49	132	...	...	211
...	...	16	9	8	4	1	112	102	3	8	1	10	...	24	359	...	41	80	212
3	...	9	8	26	24	8	213	218	3	12	3	10	108	27	269	...	32	13	213
...	...	10	2	8	1	5	77	73	3	2	1	5	...	16	138	...	...	10	214
4	...	15	1	4	...	3	79	77	4	9	...	4	...	27	212	265	24	...	215
7	4	...	30	14	14	3	168	141	4	10	1	1	...	26	310	320	19	45	216
...	...	...	1	...	2	1	23	93	...	1	1	...	...	7	62	...	...	10	
175	73	290	378	396	207	310	5616	5499	91	345	81	329	433	758	8025	3257	700	869	
6	...	9	2	3	2	6	152	155	1	10	4	8	...	5	47	...	...	4	217
4	...	13	14	7	16	...	166	161	...	20	...	...	...	15	160	...	...	38	218
5	...	9	3	2	...	...	96	96	2	9	...	...	...	15	100	...	...	...	219
...	...	6	4	2	4	3	203	204	...	...	1	...	...	30	249	...	...	...	220
...	...	6	7	16	12	8	160	157	...	3	2	...	...	12	111	...	16	6	221
...	...	11	1	3	11	7	140	154	2	10	4	...	...	3	32	164	...	...	222
6	...	15	11	19	17	20	361	368	7	23	4	...	...	26	270	...	25	32	223
...	4	...	7	11	5	55	280	351	...	...	2	...	...	27	358	...	...	...	224
...	...	12	9	21	10	4	89	73	...	10	2	...	...	10	70	...	...	14	225
...	13	...	15	31	9	10	270	243	2	25	5	...	...	26	340	...	18	...	226
6	...	8	33	16	6	...	194	174	2	11	4	...	...	14	120	...	...	...	227
...	...	13	10	12	11	4	137	130	5	10	4	...	...	13	126	...	...	12	228
15	...	12	18	13	18	20	507	514	...	29	14	...	...	47	589	...	51	30	229
...	...	9	...	...	...	...	97	90	2	8	...	...	...	9	82	...	...	6	230
...	2	7	4	3	2	1	54	54	...	3	1	...	...	6	54	...	...	...	231
13	...	11	21	50	16	11	485	441	9	32	10	18	16	45	410	...	50	58	232
13	...	22	29	38	27	33	604	597	...	23	12	12	20	69	600	...	...	34	233
...	...	16	13	8	20	18	182	200	1	16	3	8	...	40	328	...	45	14	234
...	...	12	5	16	8	18	115	126	...	13	5	1	...	20	200	...	...	12	235
12	13	...	24	31	23	51	508	527	5	19	11	20	12	50	434	...	45	128	236
...	...	15	7	17	10	19	322	327	7	15	6	9	...	18	137	...	25	...	237
17	18	...	53	38	28	35	850	822	11	40	17	33	30	78	722	...	50	203	238
17	...	30	27	20	13	30	523	519	...	27	6	24	23	41	543	...	...	25	239
...	12	...	8	25	20	11	366	362	...	27	11	9	27	26	204	333	27	20	240
11	...	12	17	28	21	22	325	323	5	19	7	13	25	25	371	...	26	61	241
...	...	6	6	7	...	7	81	75	...	5	2	6	...	13	150	...	...	...	242
...	...	7	3	5	3	9	101	105	...	4	1	...	...	10	173	...	...	...	243
...	7	...	4	8	6	1	124	119	...	5	1	...	...	4	54	184	...	...	244
11	12	...	15	4	4	20	373	378	7	15	6	7	88	48	638	...	66	...	245
...	...	15	16	16	30	19	199	222	3	7	3	10	22	20	213	...	33	33	246
...	10	...	11	10	3	14	322	318	2	32	7	...	12	34	350	...	...	20	247
249	91	271	366	491	365	462	8386	8385	81	475	153	178	275	799	8235	681	477	750	

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.			Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
								Church.	Manse.		
	Brought forward ...						£	£	£		
248	South Shields—St. Paul's	...	...	1809	1884	F	2300	...	...	550	266
249	Stamfordham	...	...	1662	1884	L	500	...	...	200	free
250	Sunderland—North Bridge Street	...	...	1778	vacant	F	1600	...	...	438	140
251	„ —St. George's	...	...	1711	1875	C	3000	...	...	650	560
252	„ —St. Stephen's	...	...	1827	1880	P	2000	250	...	450	149
253	„ —Smyrna	...	...	1765	1835 1878	C	1500	...	...	500	270
254	„ —Trinity	...	...	1821	1876	L	4000	...	...	750	510
255	Swalwell	...	...	1733	1881	F	1000	...	...	250	110
256	Walker	...	...	1842	1883	L 56	4800	...	...	380	237
257	Wallsend	...	...	1846	1879	L 940	400	...	...	280	232
258	Wark	...	...	1842	1880	F	1800	...	...	160	101
259	Willington Quay	...	...	1877	1877	L 56	1800	...	...	354	140
	Preaching Station	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	NORTHUMBERLAND.						109650	7143	...	20174	10955
260	Alnwick—Clayport Street	...	...	1753	1852	F	1600	...	...	600	250
261	„ —Lisburn Street	...	...	1837	1843	F	1000	...	...	380	146
262	„ —St. James's	...	...	1669	1880	F	1600	...	361	450	390
263	Bavington	...	...	1725	1853	F	...	...	...	230	132
264	Bedlington	...	...	1843	1885	F	650	...	...	178	111
265	Birdhopecraig	...	...	1690	1875	L 40	*...	...	...	450	164
266	Branton	...	...	1730	1842	F	1050	...	...	500	295
267	Embleton	...	...	1833	1880	L 10	...	...	...	340	200
268	Felton	...	...	1819	1881	L 30	*...	...	100	300	150
269	Glantou	...	...	1783	1865	F	1150	...	...	450	331
270	Harbottle	...	...	1756	1871	L 871	400	...	...	450	240
271	Longframlington...	...	...	1739	1862	F	...	...	...	200	58
272	Morpeth	...	...	1700	1883	F	3550	...	...	850	442
273	Newbiggin	...	...	1863	vacant	F	...	...	...	300	81
274	North Middleton	...	...	1817	1872	L 929	...	...	...	240	107
275	North Sunderland	...	...	1808	1870	C	600	...	...	360	206
276	Otterburn	...	...	1831	1872	F	600	...	...	250	138
277	Thropton	...	...	1799	1849	F	800	...	...	300	146
278	Warenford	...	...	1751	1867	P	...	...	...	350	195
279	Warkworth	...	...	1826	1871	F	800	...	...	300	190
280	Widdrington	...	...	1765	1845	F	750	...	...	300	140
281	Wooler—Cheviot Street	...	...	1700	1833 1884	F	1000	...	...	1000	318
282	„ —Tower Hill	...	...	1737	1880	L	1400	...	...	420	142
283	„ —West Chapel...	...	...	1842	vacant	F	700	...	...	560	243
							17650	...	461	9758	4815

* £500 insured on Manse.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—*continued.*

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRI- AGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1884.	1883.											
249	91	271	366	491	365	462	8386	8385	81	475	155	178	275	799	8235	681	477	750	
6	...	12	16	32	17	14	277	260	5	22	4	...	...	33	325	...	30	50	248
4	...	10	7	13	11	1	70	80	1	6	1	...	...	7	63	...	...	...	249
7	3	1	2	24	161	182	...	...	...	...	...	23	227	...	...	...	250
10	12	...	39	21	15	26	524	505	7	32	14	40	30	81	985	...	...	55	251
10	...	12	8	1	4	16	140	151	3	15	3	...	13	15	216	...	...	20	252
6	...	14	6	12	8	7	233	237	2	11	3	...	...	24	180	...	20	19	253
14	...	15	8	27	12	15	400	392	6	21	8	10	26	42	472	...	...	20	254
3	...	12	10	8	18	11	218	239	...	12	4	...	...	11	130	...	...	...	255
3	...	10	9	15	14	19	209	218	...	19	2	12	...	36	396	...	...	...	256
7	...	12	9	16	13	9	201	200	...	14	4	10	12	22	235	...	24	14	257
4	2	3	4	...	75	73	...	2	...	...	...	3	25	...	...	...	258
3	...	12	4	9	12	1	140	140	...	12	1	3	...	22	242	...	12	18	259
...	17	165	...	...	...	...
330	110	380	487	649	495	605	11034	11062	105	641	199	253	356	1135	11896	681	563	946	
7	...	9	7	7	12	3	223	224	4	6	2	...	...	12	90	...	...	25	260
7	...	12	...	3	10	1	132	140	...	7	1	4	...	12	119	...	...	9	261
10	...	10	23	41	50	15	354	355	9	25	6	6	...	16	170	...	...	25	262
7	...	5	3	8	6	6	97	98	...	5	6	...	...	3	34	27	...	28	263
3	...	10	3	7	8	15	112	132	...	6	3	...	...	13	130	...	...	...	264
6	...	5	7	1	7	2	108	109	1	11	2	6	...	6	80	...	...	20	265
5	...	6	...	...	...	...	236	238	...	...	...	...	...	8	125	62	...	21	266
5	...	2	15	37	46	5	196	195	...	13	3	8	...	5	62	...	...	22	267
2	...	6	4	7	11	10	134	144	...	6	1	...	...	8	65	...	...	...	268
3	...	6	10	22	24	11	239	242	3	27	11	8	...	9	93	...	...	12	269
5	...	7	8	12	16	6	198	200	...	8	3	10	...	4	30	...	...	12	270
3	...	7	1	5	4	2	61	61	1	8	1	3	...	11	106	...	...	7	271
9	9	...	16	15	15	24	283	291	5	13	7	13	35	36	400	219	...	23	272
6	...	2	16	11	2	...	83	53	...	6	...	...	...	5	44	...	...	...	273
6	7	...	3	6	2	2	85	80	...	13	1	...	...	3	31	...	...	...	274
11	...	17	2	39	38	5	217	219	1	9	5	17	...	7	50	...	...	...	275
5	...	12	3	6	9	3	119	117	1	6	3	...	...	5	28	...	...	...	276
3	...	2	3	3	2	1	144	141	...	2	...	...	...	6	60	...	...	...	277
6	6	...	2	38	27	9	170	166	...	13	6	13	...	5	30	...	...	17	278
4	...	10	8	21	16	8	210	205	5	13	4	...	...	8	45	...	...	...	279
3	...	4	...	6	...	...	150	165	3	13	3	...	...	8	90	65	...	...	280
7	...	10	8	39	23	5	320	291	...	8	5	...	...	9	64	...	...	23	281
4	...	10	6	9	12	5	140	142	...	5	1	...	...	5	36	...	...	14	282
3	8	11	5	4	3	7	207	214	...	...	7	...	...	8	66	130	...	14	283
131	46	148	172	341	349	148	4218	4222	33	22	81	88	35	212	2048	503	...	281	

SUMMARY.—I. CONGREGATIONAL.

PRESBYTERIES.	CHURCHES.				OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								
	Number of Congregations.	Amount Insured.	Deer.		Number of Church Seated for Sittings.	Number of Sittings Let.	Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificates.	No. Removed by Certificates.	Number Lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath Teachers.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
			Church.	Manse.										1884.	1883.										
Berwick ...	15	19150	£ 600	£ 980	7216	3763	97	27	105	190	482	479	139	4000	4087	25	208	98	189	73	172	1530	323	65	383
Birmingham ...	15	42716	3978	...	7214	1793	54	5	157	107	105	78	122	1716	1719	22	94	22	100	239	312	3025	...	205	296
Bristol ...	9	35500	2225	500	5241	2394	47	6	87	114	105	76	73	1379	1334	31	91	23	61	198	181	1864	...	185	175
Carlisle ...	14	14500	...	423	4695	1983	73	17	128	141	138	72	117	2035	1872	33	193	40	84	85	314	2743	50	98	246
Darlington ...	20	50800	12206	1255	9702	2228	113	45	142	213	216	144	236	3081	3040	17	186	34	166	112	485	4811	...	194	279
Liverpool ...	33	160660	4798	350	21185	10453	216	56	348	476	730	410	698	9985	9900	72	539	155	463	946	1339	15059	2193	937	1056
London ...	80	336573	62678	5890	43681	18292	435	211	448	1681	1423	898	1165	16626	15688	157	807	168	502	1576	2066	22800	330	1621	2192
Manchester ...	30	102900	5700	...	16454	6673	175	73	290	378	396	207	310	5616	5499	91	345	81	329	433	758	8025	3257	700	869
Newcastle ...	43	109650	7143	...	20174	10955	330	110	380	487	649	495	605	11034	11062	105	641	199	253	356	1135	11896	681	563	946
Northumberland	24	17650	...	461	9758	4815	131	46	148	172	341	349	148	4218	4222	33	223	81	88	35	212	2048	503	...	281
	283	890099	99328	9859	145320	63349	1371	596	2233	3959	4585	3208	3613	59690	58423	586	3318	901	2235	4053	6974	73801	7337	4568	6723

TABLES
OF
GENERAL STATISTICS.

PART II.
FINANCIAL.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor Congregational Missions, &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.				
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec-tions, &c.								
PRESBYTERIES.												
BERWICK.												
1	Ancroft Moor ...	£ 43	£ 10	£ 36	£	£ 89	£ 72	£ 161	*155	£ s. d. 80 0 0	£ s. d. 1 11 0	£ s. d. ...
2	Beaumont ...	102	9	35	1	147	8	155	*200	120 0 0	2 14 0	...
3	Belford (a)...	84	52	57	...	193	45	238	216	169 3 11	4 11 0	...
4	Berwick—Bank Hill	85	19	125	8	237	...	237	*200	200 0 0	3 12 0	...
5	— Church Street...	Free	...	277	41	318	...	318	225	...	4 12 0	...
6	— Wallace Green ..	464	...	313	2413	3190	450	3640	*550	79 0 0	15 6 0	79 0 0
7	Chatton ...	93	20	62	...	175	...	175	*200	160 0 0	3 5 0	...
8	Crookham ...	71	15	22	...	108	51	159	*155	90 0 0	2 1 6	...
9	Etal... ..	78	19	39	5	141	14	155	*200	120 0 0	2 10 0	...
10	Horncliffe ...	51	8	60	...	119	...	119	*200	105 0 0	2 6 6	...
11	Lowick ...	73	19	32	3	127	6	133	*189	115 0 0	2 14 0	...
12	Norham—North ...	67	20	40	...	127	...	127	*206	108 0 0	2 6 0	...
13	— South ...	44	10	65	...	119	...	119	*200	105 0 0	1 18 0	...
14	Spittal ...	135	...	190	20	345	...	345	*225	...	4 5 0	...
15	Tweedmouth ...	60	8	32	...	100	32	132	*168	106 17 2	2 4 0	...
	One Preaching Station	...	...	94	...	94	...	94	80	...	...	...
		1450	209	1479	2491	5629	678	6307	3363	1558 1 1	55 16 0	79 0 0
BIRMINGHAM.												
16	Birmingham—Broad Street	93	64	290	40	487	184	671	200	205 0 0	3 15 0	5 0 0
17	— Camphill ...	122	64	356	44	586	...	586	350	215 0 0	5 8 0	15 0 0
18	— New John St.	51	57	92	10	210	5	215	200	147 3 3	2 3 0	...
19	— Smethwick..	Free	13	122	14	149	...	149	200	110 0 0	2 3 0	...
20	Burton-on-Trent ...	63	...	170	34	267	21	288	200	...	2 13 0	...
21	Derby ...	65	43	138	6	252	75	327	200	175 0 0	3 15 0	...
22	Dudley ...	39	15	140	8	202	...	202	168	115 10 0	2 3 0	...
23	Hanley ...	49	48	111	36	244	1521	1765	*200	150 0 0	2 13 0	...
24	Leicester ...	95	35	81	10	221	80	301	200	120 0 0	2 13 0	...
25	Nottingham ...	201	125	214	79	619	...	619	350	210 0 0	3 15 0	10 0 0
26	Shrewsbury ...	25	61	69	6	161	...	161	200	125 0 0	2 3 0	...
27	Stafford ...	56	23	134	10	223	76	299	*200	180 0 0	2 13 0	...
28	Walsall ...	75	...	227	4	306	...	306	230	...	2 3 0	...
29	Wolverhampton ...	143	39	414	19	615	4	619	*300	205 0 0	4 17 0	5 0 0
30	Worcester ...	70	17	81	1	169	...	169	194	155 4 8	2 3 0	...
		1147	604	2639	321	4711	1966	6677	3392	2112 17 11	45 0 0	35 0 0
BRISTOL.												
31	Aberdare ...	19	35	187	5	246	644	890	200	125 0 0	2 4 0	...
32	Bristol ...	278	...	298	200	776	...	776	400	14 2 0	6 4 0	14 2 0
33	Cardiff ...	270	60	254	129	713	176	889	*350	250 0 0	6 4 0	50 0 0
34	Cheltenham ...	158	20	265	116	559	814	1373	*350	225 0 0	6 4 0	25 0 0
35	Gloucester ...	90	66	201	11	368	98	466	250	210 0 0	4 8 0	10 0 0
36	Plymouth ...	167	...	193	30	390	350	740	400	220 0 0	4 8 0	20 0 0
37	Swansea ...	119	49	193	13	374	...	374	vacant	...	6 4 0	...
38	Swindon ...	32	...	73	3	108	291	399	vacant	...	...	...
39	Torquay ...	230	177	289	122	818	257	1075	*450	260 0 0	6 4 0	60 0 0
		1363	407	1953	629	4352	2630	6982	2400	1304 2 0	42 0 0	179 2 0

(a) Two Congregations now united.

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FINANCIAL.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.												GRAND TOTAL.				No.	
Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.		Jewish Mission.		Continental Missions.		College.		Instruction of Youth.		TOTAL.		1884.		1883.		
											1884.	1883.					
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
0 8 0	0 15 3	0 8 0	0 5 6	0 12 0	0 7 6	2 16 3	3 10 11	163 16 3	238 10 11	1							
3 5 4	4 17 7	1 10 0	1 11 0	11 3 11	2 14 3	166 3 11	314 14 3	2							
...	3 10 0	0 19 3	4 9 3	6 5 3	242 9 3	251 5 3	3							
...	16 1 9	1 10 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	19 11 9	15 12 0	256 11 9	244 12 0	4							
...	11 7 7	2 0 0	...	1 13 0	1 1 0	16 1 7	4 4 6	334 1 7	349 4 6	5							
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3 2 2	21 5 11	0 13 5	35 1 6	42 4 11	501 1 6	451 4 11	35							
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No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	
		Income for Congregational Purposes				Poor, Congregational Missions, &c. &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.					Total.
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.									
CARLISLE.													
40	Bewcastle	£ 71	£ 6	£ 26	...	£ 103	£ 2	£ 105	*155	£ 100	0 0	£ 1 4 7	...
41	Brampton	36	15	84	...	135	...	135	200	110	0 0	1 8 2	...
42	Carlisle—Fisher Street	183	...	307	123	613	163	776	*350	256	15 9	7 11 11	56 15 9
43	„ —Warwick Road...	Free	...	319	49	368	25	393	*230	210	0 0	5 1 9	10 0 0
44	Cleator Moor	55	28	108	5	196	5	201	200	165	0 0	2 5 10	...
45	Haltwhistle	2	14	84	4	104	...	104	*155	80	0 0	1 2 7	...
46	Harrington	101	29	133	4	267	...	267	212	200	0 0	2 15 10	...
47	Maryport—Crosby Street	72	31	81	15	199	21	220	200	140	0 0	2 10 0	...
48	„ —John Street ...	53	34	74	6	167	3	170	192	125	0 0	1 19 9	...
49	Penrith	24	70	61	...	155	...	155	200	155	12 8	2 3 1	...
50	Silloth ... ..	...	33	84	...	117	...	117	104	44	0 0	...	...
51	Whitehaven—High Street	40	32	67	1	140	24	164	200	120	0 0	1 17 3	...
52	„ —Market Place	135	1	178	25	339	...	339	*241	215	0 0	4 6 6	15 0 0
53	Workington	81	44	113	23	261	39	300	210	200	0 0	2 12 6	...
	Two Preaching Stations ...	...	22	95	1	118	8	126	120	...	...	...	...
		853	359	1814	256	3282	290	3572	2969	2121	8 5	36 19 9	81 15 9
DARLINGTON.													
54	Bishop Auckland	Free	122	82	20	224	58	282	*200	170	0 0	2 11 0	...
55	Crook	Free	65	79	...	144	10	154	*200	125	0 0	1 12 6	...
56	Darlington... ..	46	6	369	112	533	32	565	300	205	0 0	4 18 6	5 0 0
57	Grimsby	54	40	149	33	276	127	403	200	155	0 0	2 6 6	...
58	Harrogate	40	15	261	...	316	32	348	230	...	...	2 3 6	...
59	Hartlepool... ..	76	68	155	9	308	70	378	200	155	0 0	2 19 0	...
60	Hull—Holderness Road	Free	33	207	5	245	88	333	200	200	0 0	3 13 0	...
61	„ —Prospect Street	Free	...	307	205	512	296	808	*none	21	7 2	7 16 0	21 7 2
62	„ —Spring Bank	Free	72	237	7	316	452	768	*200	125	0 0	2 18 0	...
63	Middlesbro'—Newport Rd.	61	59	148	2	270	122	392	*200	175	0 0	2 16 6	...
64	„ —Trinity	87	70	170	4	331	205	536	250	202	10 0	3 17 0	2 10 0
65	Mount Pleasant	38	35	97	12	182	...	182	*200	131	19 2	2 4 0	...
66	Redcar	55	31	128	...	214	15	229	200	175	0 0	2 4 3	...
67	Scarborough ... ..	...	8	192	...	200	...	200	200	...	...	1 1 0	...
68	Stockton—St. Andrew's	137	116	125	32	410	27	437	*250	210	0 0	4 5 6	10 0 0
69	„ —St. George's ...	81	47	107	2	237	44	281	200	159	0 10	2 16 0	...
70	Towlaw	Free	49	79	7	135	6	141	*185	100	0 0	1 1 9	...
71	West Hartlepool	103	28	138	14	283	50	333	200	160	0 0	3 12 6	...
72	Whitby	39	29	117	15	200	...	200	200	125	0 0	2 18 0	...
73	York	53	20	165	6	244	330	574	179	...	...	3 5 6	...
		870	913	3312	485	5580	1964	7544	3994	2594	17 2	61 0 0	38 17 2
LIVERPOOL.													
74	Barrow-in-Furness .	188	...	153	35	376	678	1054	250	...	...	2 17 6	...
75	Birkenhead—Claughton	614	2	381	484	1481	386	1867	700	431	0 0	18 5 0	231 0 0
76	„ —Grange Road	412	...	320	419	1151	266	1417	600	74	12 0	13 0 0	74 12 0
77	„ —Hamilton ...	91	61	122	26	300	138	438	*205	200	0 0	1 19 6	...
78	„ —St. Andrew's	277	140	220	39	676	82	758	500	200	0 0	11 5 0	...
79	„ —St. Paul's ...	190	36	289	98	613	79	692	336	200	0 0	3 8 0	...
80	Chester	72	22	87	13	194	492	686	196	131	0 0	2 11 0	...
81	Douglas	95	24	138	47	304	...	304	*168	200	0 0	2 15 6	...
82	Egremont	313	...	438	775	1526	32	1558	500	261	10 0	12 2 0	61 10 0
83	Liverpool—Canning Street	447	200	255	578	1480	...	1480	700	292	11 3	17 12 0	92 11 3
	Carried forward ...	2699	485	2403	2514	8101	2153	10254	4155	1990	13 3	85 15 6	459 13 3

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SYNODICAL FINANCES.

Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.		No.
						1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
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12 0 0	33 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	3 17 5	126 13 2	115 10 0	902 13 2	1037 10 0	42
7 5 6	28 7 1	7 10 10	1 10 0	2 0 0	1 10 0	58 3 5	67 7 10	451 3 5	464 7 10	43
...	5 9 5	...	...	2 10 0	...	7 19 5	6 6 9	208 19 5	204 6 9	44
0 7 6	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	1 7 6	2 2 6	105 7 6	102 2 6	45
...	...	...	...	0 18 0	...	0 18 0	...	267 18 0	233 0 0	46
1 0 0	5 10 0	...	...	...	...	6 10 0	8 1 10	226 10 0	214 1 10	47
2 2 3	5 19 3	...	...	0 9 3	...	8 10 9	8 4 9	178 10 9	160 4 9	48
...	4 18 0	...	...	0 13 0	...	5 11 0	8 16 2	160 11 0	204 16 2	49
1 7 0	...	...	...	...	...	1 7 0	...	118 7 0	...	50
...	3 2 0	...	...	...	...	3 2 0	...	167 2 0	88 0 0	51
...	21 8 4	5 17 7	...	2 16 9	...	45 2 8	51 5 6	384 2 8	392 5 6	52
...	7 10 0	...	...	1 5 0	...	8 15 0	8 3 6	308 15 0	482 3 6	53
...	4 7 8	...	...	...	...	4 7 8	3 0 0	130 7 8	69 0 0	...
25 3 3	128 17 5	19 18 0	7 0 0	21 4 0	5 17 5	289 15 10	288 1 0	3861 15 10	3894 1 0	...
...	4 12 0	...	...	...	...	4 12 0	3 0 0	286 12 0	646 0 0	54
1 10 3	6 7 9	1 8 6	1 7 6	0 15 0	0 10 0	11 19 0	10 1 1	165 19 0	161 1 1	55
4 0 0	18 13 3	2 15 0	...	2 0 0	...	32 8 3	30 7 11	597 8 3	534 7 11	56
2 18 1	24 11 3	3 16 0	1 0 0	32 5 4	26 9 2	435 5 4	294 9 2	57
1 10 0	2 14 0	4 4 0	...	352 4 0	386 0 0	58
2 0 0	2 0 0	...	1 0 0	5 0 0	...	383 0 0	3155 0 0	59
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9 0 0	257 10 3	9 10 0	...	6 17 9	2 9 6	306 14 8	351 4 5	1114 14 8	1139 4 5	61
1 10 0	15 2 10	16 12 10	13 13 6	784 12 10	326 13 6	62
1 0 0	11 5 11	0 16 0	0 17 7	0 16 1	0 16 6	15 12 1	13 18 10	407 12 1	427 18 10	63
2 8 0	10 5 10	...	...	...	...	15 3 10	13 0 2	551 3 10	335 0 2	64
1 6 9	6 6 4	...	...	1 3 0	...	8 16 1	11 7 4	190 16 1	209 7 4	65
...	6 4 0	...	...	...	...	6 4 0	4 2 5	235 4 0	230 2 5	66
0 14 6	...	...	...	...	...	0 14 6	...	200 14 6	162 0 0	67
3 10 0	21 11 10	9 11 8	2 2 11	2 16 8	...	49 13 1	27 14 2	486 13 1	593 14 2	68
9 6 7	6 13 6	16 0 1	4 10 0	297 0 1	353 10 0	69
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3 0 0	2 6 0	2 0 0	...	7 0 0	8 14 0	340 0 0	2087 14 0	71
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76 4 4	256 3 8	15 18 0	0 17 2	4 3 2	6 9 2 0	648 12 10	570 2 9	2515 12 10	2032 2 9	75
36 15 9	77 5 3	11 12 0	0 10 10	0 10 0	2 0 0	222 15 0	236 10 2	1639 15 0	2013 10 2	76
1 12 0	23 8 2	1 0 0	1 10 0	1 10 0	...	29 0 2	16 8 0	467 0 2	406 8 0	77
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1 10 0	7 16 5	1 1 0	1 3 0	2 0 0	...	13 10 5	14 16 3	317 10 5	313 16 3	81
6 7 7	5 19 4	73 16 11	192 18 7	1631 16 11	1636 18 7	82
24 1 9	113 17 9	7 3 0	7 0 1	6 0 7	10 0 0	260 14 5	291 10 11	1740 14 5	1762 10 11	83
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		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.				
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.	Poor, Congregational Missions, &c. &c.							
	Brought forward ...	2699	485	2403	2514	8101	2153	10254	4155	1990 13 3	85 15 6	459 13 3
84	Liverpool—Derby Road ...	480	...	278	275	1033	...	1033	600	17 17 0	14 10 0	17 17 0
85	" —Everton Valley ...	442	...	305	204	951	...	951	550	245 1 4	11 12 0	45 1 4
86	" —Fairfield ...	325	48	416	51	840	558	1398	600	300 0 0	13 12 0	100 0 0
87	" —Islington ...	464	...	183	143	790	687	1477	*550	53 14 0	13 12 0	53 14 0
88	" —Mount Pleasant ...	342	...	466	482	1290	...	1290	500	75 0 0	14 17 0	75 0 0
89	" —Peel Road ...	93	...	159	20	272	672	944	300	...	...	...
90	" —Prince's Road ...	243	75	178	10	506	300	806	400	205 0 0	4 18 0	5 0 0
91	" —Queen's Road ...	257	34	298	120	709	...	709	402	210 0 0	9 15 0	10 0 0
92	" —St. George's ...	463	127	235	121	946	47	993	600	200 0 0	12 0 0	...
93	" —St. Peter's ...	156	75	193	145	569	...	569	300	200 0 0	4 15 6	...
94	" —Sefton Park ...	890	207	761	703	2561	...	2561	900	554 2 6	23 10 0	354 2 6
95	" —Shaw Street ...	115	51	180	25	371	20	391	250	200 0 0	2 18 0	...
96	" —Trinity ...	186	130	202	169	687	...	687	405	229 6 8	6 18 0	29 6 8
97	" —Union ...	Free	131	510	70	711	170	881	400	200 0 0	4 18 0	...
98	" —Vauxhall Road ...	Free	45	89	4	138	...	138	200	120 10 0	0 13 6	...
99	Parkgate ...	...	145	55	28	228	...	228	200	205 0 0	1 13 0	5 0 0
100	Ramsey ...	25	30	90	14	159	1400	1559	200	120 0 0	1 10 0	...
101	Rock Ferry ...	241	200	233	361	1035	...	1035	502	209 3 11	10 15 0	9 3 11
102	St. Helen's ...	86	62	193	34	375	...	375	*235	205 0 0	1 10 0	5 0 0
103	Southport ...	197	104	289	67	657	...	657	400	220 0 0	6 18 0	20 0 0
104	Sutton ...	38	35	53	3	129	...	129	150	120 0 0	0 18 6	...
105	Walton ...	...	...	194	...	194	210	404	250	...	...	...
106	Waterloo ...	254	46	286	50	636	...	636	400	200 0 0	3 17 6	...
	Two Preaching Stations ...	...	...	260	13	273	21	294	190	...	...	...
	LONDON.	7996	2030	8509	5626	24161	6238	30399	13641	6080 8 8	251 6 6	1188 18 8
107	Aldershot ...	Free	139	47	37	223	...	223	200	150 0 0	2 2 0	...
108	Aston Tyrrold ...	Free	44	73	20	137	...	137	*200	110 0 0	1 10 0	...
109	Bournemouth ...	178	113	258	375	924	300	1224	*400	230 0 0	6 10 0	30 0 0
110	Brighton—Queen's Road...	...	...	530	165	695	130	825	*350	254 7 0	7 15 0	54 7 0
111	" —Trinity ...	250	160	250	50	710	100	810	*500	220 0 0	6 8 0	20 0 0
112	Canterbury ...	38	9	49	12	108	...	108	255	9 16 6	2 2 0	...
113	Chatham ...	...	79	63	19	161	...	161	170	115 0 0	1 15 0	...
114	Croydon ...	214	200	182	128	724	114	838	*400	240 0 0	7 10 0	40 0 0
115	Darenth, Dartford...	...	...	164	...	164	...	164	*200	161 5 0	1 10 0	18 2 9
116	Eastbourne ...	380	...	787	169	1336	47	1383	*700	205 0 0	9 9 0	5 0 0
117	Edenbridge ...	31	200	11	...	242	...	242	200	205 0 0	1 0 0	5 0 0
118	Gravesend ...	202	53	200	30	485	30	515	258	200 0 0	5 10 0	...
119	Guernsey ...	17	66	44	...	127	...	127	177	105 0 0	1 7 0	...
120	Highfields Withyham	...	...	122	10	132	...	132	116	...	1 2 0	...
121	Holybourne ...	Free	98	34	...	132	...	132	155	130 0 0	1 10 0	...
122	Ipswich ...	124	68	173	61	426	51	477	250	200 0 0	3 12 0	...
124	Jersey ...	194	44	215	40	493	...	493	350	210 0 0	5 5 0	10 0 0
123	Lewes ...	28	26	139	14	207	...	207	*200	155 0 0	1 18 0	...
125	London—Belgrave ...	431	33	757	345	1566	341	1907	800	275 0 0	11 11 0	75 0 0
126	" —Bermondsey ...	59	20	144	...	223	...	223	200	150 0 0	1 10 0	...
127	" —Blackheath ...	93	...	262	26	381	34	415	400	...	2 2 0	...
128	" —Bow Road ...	40	22	124	3	189	657	846	200	160 0 0	1 1 0	...
129	" —Brockley ...	213	163	433	89	898	529	1427	500	200 0 0	6 7 0	...
130	" —Camberwell ...	326	60	369	87	842	400	1242	500	220 0 0	9 9 0	20 0 0
131	" —Camden Road ...	317	130	393	490	1330	912	2242	600	230 0 0	9 9 0	30 0 0
132	" —Canonbury ...	133	50	167	3	353	31	384	*250	205 0 0	4 0 0	5 0 0
	Carried forward ...	3268	1777	5990	2173	13208	3676	16884	8531	4340 8 6	113 4 0	312 9 9

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FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.										Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Poor, Congregational Missions, &c. &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.						
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec-tions, &c.											
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Brought forward ...	3268	1777	5990	2173	13208	3676	16884	8531	4340	8 6	113 4 0	312 9 9		
133	London—Clapham Road...	1007	...	1162	1391	3560	...	3560	1000	601	15 5	30 0 0	401 15 5		
134	" —Clapton ...	199	49	309	120	677	...	677	350	205	0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0		
135	" —Crouch Hill ...	...	...	811	262	1073	...	1073	600	60	0 0	7 10 0	60 0 0
136	" —Ealing ...	73	93	132	25	323	5	328	200	210	0 0	3 8 0	10 0 0		
137	" —East India Road	72	28	172	8	280	...	280	200	180	0 0	3 3 0	...		
138	" —Forest Hill ...	357	200	354	110	1021	32	1053	*500	246	16 6	10 10 0	46 16 6		
139	" —Greenwich ...	295	5	458	162	920	...	920	505	215	10 11	8 0 0	15 10 11		
140	" —Hammersmith ...	308	14	232	88	642	...	642	350	220	0 0	7 0 0	20 0 0		
141	" —Hampstead ...	261	55	604	54	974	...	974	*550	410	0 0	15 0 0	210 0 0		
142	" —Highbury ...	591	...	642	610	1843	...	1843	850	122	7 3	20 0 0	122 7 3		
143	" —Islington ...	686	36	314	341	1377	81	1458	800	314	11 0	14 0 0	114 11 0		
144	" —Kensington ...	385	200	461	143	1189	453	1642	573	240	9 6	7 7 0	40 9 6		
145	" —Kentish Town ...	105	40	102	31	278	908	1186	200	40	0 0	1 1 0	...		
146	" —Kingstn & Surbitn	77	43	116	12	248	702	950	230	200	0 0	2 2 0	...		
147	" —Marylebone ...	858	200	613	555	2226	3444	5670	*1050	533	4 9	30 0 0	333 4 9		
148	" —Millwall ...	31	19	139	...	189	...	189	200	110	0 0	1 1 0	...		
149	" —New Barnet ...	107	...	276	66	449	141	590	307	210	0 0	3 8 0	10 0 0		
150	" —Notting Hill ...	531	221	352	233	1237	92	1429	800	250	0 0	13 13 0	50 0 0		
151	" —Oxendon ...	106	28	158	15	307	213	520	250	150	0 0	2 2 0	...		
152	" —Putney ...	144	...	301	17	462	287	749	250	5	0 0	4 4 0	5 0 0		
153	" —Regent Square...	927	200	735	660	2522	1377	3899	1200	810	14 6	30 0 0	610 14 6		
154	" —Richmond ...	113	93	196	11	413	691	1104	300	200	0 0	3 10 0	...		
155	" —St. John's Wood	1038	...	864	720	2622	635	3257	1200	469	16 9	30 0 0	469 16 9		
156	" —Silvertown ...	52	48	66	3	169	...	169	200	132	17 0	1 1 0	...		
157	" —Somers Town ...	169	...	638	...	807	...	807	300	...	...	3 3 0	...
158	" —South Kensington	263	177	466	244	1150	...	1150	600	210	0 0	10 14 0	10 0 0		
159	" —Southwark ...	61	24	139	...	224	...	224	114	74	0 0	1 1 0	...		
160	" —Stepney... ..	164	50	232	64	510	12	522	400	220	0 0	4 0 0	20 0 0		
161	" —Stoke Newington	120	...	272	7	399	...	399	350	100	0 0	2 0 0	...		
162	" —Stratford ...	185	...	223	212	620	...	620	300	...	...	4 0 0	...
163	" —Streatham ...	151	140	210	61	562	145	707	350	205	0 0	4 0 0	5 0 0		
164	" —Tooting... ..	46	11	50	13	120	...	120	*100	100	0 0	1 1 0	...		
165	" —Tottenham ...	176	141	96	210	623	218	841	*320	225	0 0	6 0 0	25 0 0		
166	" —Upper Norwood	309	200	320	63	892	67	959	500	230	0 0	7 15 0	30 0 0		
167	" —Victoria Docks...	56	157	94	3	310	586	896	200	200	0 0	3 0 0	...		
168	" —Wandsworth ...	196	91	182	66	535	85	620	400	225	0 0	5 4 0	25 0 0		
169	" —Westbourne Grove	213	...	557	439	1209	...	1209	550	40	0 0	9 5 0	40 0 0		
170	" —Whitfield ...	8	...	...	...	8	...	8	200	...	...	1 1 0	...
171	" —Willesden ...	346	125	182	118	771	330	1101	500	230	0 0	7 18 0	30 0 0		
172	" —Wimbledon ...	62	...	269	...	331	...	331	vacant	...	...	...	...
173	" —Wood Green ...	186	116	158	68	528	170	698	300	200	0 0	5 0 0	...		
174	" —Woolwich, New Rd	215	67	214	59	555	389	944	430	210	0 0	5 13 0	10 0 0		
175	" " St. Andrew's	174	68	221	50	513	153	666	300	205	0 0	4 17 0	5 0 0		
176	Norwich ...	188	67	179	53	487	...	487	*350	205	0 0	4 14 0	5 0 0		
177	Portsmouth ...	191	...	118	8	317	248	565	vacant	...	...	1 1 0	...
178	Rangoon ...	...	...	743	...	743	1	744	*500	...	...	...	...
179	Reading ...	80	22	73	...	175	...	175	250	...	...	...	...
180	St. Leonard's, Silverhill	31	77	59	16	183	16	199	200	140	0 0	1 10 0	...		
181	" —Warrior Sq.	136	33	254	17	440	349	789	300	...	...	1 10 0	...
182	Singapore (a) ...	188	...	291	...	479	754	1233	*550	...	...	...	...
183	Southampton—St. Andrew's	285	41	650	63	1039	1529	2568	350	225	0 0	8 10 0	25 0 0		
184	" —Totton ...	31	47	42	11	131	...	131	155	110	0 0	1 0 0	...		
185	" —Woolston ...	88	56	107	12	263	20	283	200	200	0 0	3 3 0	...		
186	Wallington... ..	85	26	56	77	244	33	277	200	200	0 0	2 17 0	...		
	Preaching Stations ...	...	9	556	10	575	27	602	440	...	...	...	...
		15994	5094	23210	9754	54052	17869	71921	30905	14232	12 1	477 1 0	3067 16 4		

(a) No return having come to hand last year's figures have been filled in.

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† Minister pays interest.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.

GRAND TOTAL.

Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.				GRAND TOTAL.				No.
						1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
51 18 9	974 9 0	97 12 5	32 17 8	56 17 5	11 7 4	1540 12 4	1121 19 11	18424 12 4	16533 19 11					
13 0 0	80 9 8	8 0 0	6 0 0	8 0 0	3 0 0	520 5 1	604 0 10	4080 5 1	13461 0 10	133				
...	48 1 10	3 3 0	...	4 5 0	...	60 9 10	51 1 5	737 9 10	605 1 5	134				
34 13 10	79 9 6	12 15 3	11 19 9	16 3 6	10 0 0	225 1 10	136 13 0	1298 1 10	1186 13 0	135				
2 2 0	5 12 7	3 10 0	2 13 0	4 4 0	...	28 1 7	23 0 9	356 1 7	321 0 9	136				
...	9 5 0	...	...	2 0 0	...	11 5 0	5 0 0	291 5 0	277 0 0	137				
17 0 0	32 15 5	9 0 0	5 0 0	13 0 0	7 0 0	130 9 11	109 1 2	1183 9 11	3096 1 2	138				
6 11 9	37 5 0	19 14 5	...	6 2 9	...	85 4 10	79 4 0	1005 4 10	1017 4 0	139				
5 12 6	12 16 1	...	...	4 5 2	...	42 13 9	8 17 0	684 13 9	672 17 0	140				
50 17 3	321 9 7	24 18 6	16 8 5	30 15 4	4 13 4	659 2 5	915 19 3	1633 2 5	1762 19 3	141				
10 0 0	188 13 1	22 10 0	6 1 6	17 10 0	3 10 0	370 11 10	450 2 7	2213 11 10	2282 2 7	142				
21 14 4	84 0 5	19 9 8	15 6 8	24 10 0	...	279 12 1	300 9 6	1737 12 1	1732 9 6	143				
18 10 0	107 13 10	10 0 0	...	10 0 0	...	186 13 4	79 15 3	1828 13 4	1665 15 3	144				
4 6 6	9 0 0	...	...	...	...	13 6 6	9 14 0	1199 6 6	598 14 0	145				
...	3 11 3	...	...	...	...	3 11 3	4 12 0	953 11 3	994 12 0	146				
49 5 8	577 8 10	37 14 0	14 9 9	19 9 4	7 10 10	1039 3 2	855 1 4	6709 3 2	3772 1 4	147				
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0 16 0	189 0 0	148 16 0	148				
3 10 0	41 3 5	3 4 0	2 0 0	4 0 0	3 0 0	66 17 5	44 7 10	656 17 5	559 7 10	149				
30 16 4	47 1 3	34 4 9	6 6 5	22 12 5	...	191 1 2	189 4 8	1620 1 2	1681 4 8	150				
1 2 10	...	1 6 3	1 1 0	...	...	3 10 1	...	523 10 1	412 0 0	151				
1 10 0	69 2 4	3 5 0	3 5 0	6 10 0	6 10 0	95 2 4	108 5 8	844 2 4	906 5 8	152				
130 11 0	328 10 5	53 18 3	332 0 0	124 12 0	30 7 6	1310 13 5	1308 4 4	5209 13 5	4038 4 4	153				
1 15 0	28 17 0	...	...	...	...	30 12 0	35 14 6	1134 12 0	361 14 6	154				
213 9 7	319 15 2	29 8 4	41 14 4	22 19 4	5 0 0	1102 3 6	1073 5 3	4359 3 6	64729 5 3	155				
1 17 0	4 15 3	...	...	...	...	6 12 3	1 9 7	175 12 3	130 9 7	156				
7 2 9	1 1 0	...	...	...	...	8 3 9	7 4 0	815 3 9	556 4 0	157				
8 0 0	14 0 0	9 0 0	...	5 0 0	...	46 0 0	44 0 0	1196 0 0	1153 0 0	158				
...	1 10 10	...	...	...	...	1 10 10	6 12 0	225 10 10	134 12 0	159				
...	33 19 7	3 1 5	...	1 13 11	...	58 14 11	49 12 5	580 14 11	735 12 5	160				
2 0 0	9 8 4	...	...	...	...	11 8 4	1 0 0	410 8 4	301 0 0	161				
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 15 0	620 0 0	599 15 0	162				
10 14 10	31 18 4	7 17 3	3 2 11	9 12 10	3 1 7	71 7 9	72 9 1	778 7 9	1451 9 1	163				
...	3 18 6	...	...	...	...	3 18 6	...	123 18 6	139 0 0	164				
8 6 10	31 12 3	8 10 8	7 5 3	6 6 1	3 5 1	90 6 2	92 10 7	931 6 2	786 10 7	165				
10 5 0	91 16 6	14 10 0	6 2 6	7 7 9	6 0 0	166 1 9	133 2 6	1125 1 9	1069 2 6	166				
1 8 6	5 19 10	...	...	1 6 8	...	8 15 0	12 13 6	904 15 0	306 13 6	167				
4 6 8	98 13 9	5 2 5	4 14 8	1 13 11	1 19 4	141 10 9	206 15 7	761 10 9	1041 15 7	168				
13 3 0	43 11 6	7 0 0	7 10 0	12 14 5	...	123 18 11	106 16 0	1332 18 11	1253 16 0	169				
...	5 3 6	...	...	...	...	5 3 6	8 0 0	13 3 6	167 0 0	170				
4 14 3	33 14 8	1 0 0	...	4 12 0	...	74 0 11	69 7 5	1175 0 11	928 7 5	171				
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	331 0 0	...	172				
1 10 9	19 15 2	...	...	3 16 0	...	25 1 11	26 13 0	723 1 11	915 13 0	173				
...	15 14 4	2 0 0	...	2 0 0	...	29 14 4	40 11 4	973 14 4	647 11 4	174				
5 12 0	5 0 0	...	...	...	...	15 12 0	7 15 0	681 12 0	1422 15 0	175				
5 5 0	7 0 0	2 7 6	2 7 6	1 10 0	1 10 0	25 0 0	32 10 11	512 0 0	634 10 11	176				
1 1 0	4 10 6	...	...	...	...	5 11 6	6 11 0	570 11 6	300 11 0	177				
...	15 18 10	...	...	...	...	15 18 10	12 18 2	759 18 10	1197 18 2	178				
...	...	...	...	0 10 6	...	0 10 6	...	175 10 6	501 0 0	179				
1 5 6	13 17 0	0 15 6	0 15 6	1 0 0	...	17 13 6	11 17 5	216 13 6	195 17 5	180				
5 9 9	15 15 2	...	...	...	...	21 4 11	6 10 0	810 4 11	795 10 0	181				
...	92 3 2	...	...	...	...	92 3 2	130 9 5	1325 3 2	1363 9 5	182				
...	26 0 9	...	...	...	...	51 0 9	108 2 5	2619 0 9	938 2 5	183				
...	2 0 0	...	...	...	1 10 0	3 10 0	2 0 0	134 10 0	132 0 0	184				
...	5 10 10	1 0 0	...	1 10 0	...	8 0 10	5 15 4	291 0 10	304 15 4	185				
0 12 5	1 2 4	0 8 4	...	0 10 0	...	2 13 1	1 3 1	279 13 1	442 3 1	186				
1 10 0	15 3 3	...	...	0 15 0	...	17 8 3	5 9 7	619 8 3	253 9 7					
765 12 7	1057 3 10	456 6 8	229 1 10	459 15 4	109 5 0	9145 1 7	8731 4 7	81066 1 7	73616 18 7					

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No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.						
		Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor, Congregational Missions, &c. &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.										
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund being Aid.	Collections, &c.														
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
187	MANCHESTER.																	
187	Blackburn—Mount Street	39	15	99	...	153	...	153	200	120	0	0	1	18	0	...	...
188	" —St. George's...	438	...	196	99	733	333	1066	500	...	...	...	9	13	6	...	...
189	Bolton	153	32	194	124	503	...	503	335	210	0	0	5	9	6	10	0	0
190	Bradford	218	113	155	90	574	...	574	400	210	0	0	5	16	6	10	0	0
191	Crewe	60	45	92	42	239	18	257	200	120	0	0	2	7	0	...	...
192	Leeds—Cavendish Road ...	174	107	303	22	606	118	724	300	200	0	0	4	19	6	...	...
193	" —St Columba	45	29	169	...	243	...	243	163	67	10	0	1	12	6	...	...
194	Manchester—Ancoats ...	Free	172	264	67	503	...	503	280	200	0	0	4	9	0	...	...
195	" —Bowden	507	21	528	58	586	350	19	6	2	4	14	6	19	6	2
196	" —Brunswick St.	285	34	352	143	814	19	833	425	233	14	8	8	8	6	33	14	8
197	" —Eccles	66	28	105	11	210	...	210	200	...	...	...	2	3	0	...	...
198	" —Grosvenor Sq.	316	...	431	54	801	...	801	533	279	0	7	12	2	6	79	0	7
199	" —Hghr Brghn ...	171	...	436	74	681	...	681	450	20	0	0	4	15	6	20	0	0
200	" —Longsight	218	63	258	...	539	37	576	400	210	0	0	4	11	0	10	0	0
201	" —Pendleton	121	...	291	39	451	39	490	300	202	2	0	3	13	6	2	2	0
202	" —St. Andrews ...	247	16	292	154	709	397	1106	420	230	0	0	7	2	6	30	0	0
203	" —Sale	178	147	296	129	744	...	744	*450	220	0	0	5	14	6	20	0	0
204	" —Salford	117	55	240	126	538	...	538	300	200	0	0	4	18	6	...	...
205	" —Trinity	324	40	273	231	868	...	868	*500	225	0	0	9	0	0	25	0	0
206	" (a) Whalley Range ...	54	...	822	307	1183	...	1183	450	34	4	2	13	19	0	34	4	2
207	" —Withington ...	430	...	302	345	1077	111	1188	505	87	3	4	10	2	6	87	3	4
208	Oldham ... ..	...	...	130	...	130	16	146	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
209	Preston	91	...	204	40	335	100	435	2	...	...	...	4	2	6	...	...
210	Ramsbottom	97	36	120	20	273	25	298	*250	150	0	0	3	3	6	...	...
211	Risley	2	...	20	5	27	3	30	Vacant	...	...	...	0	8	6	...	...
212	Rochdale	363	...	363	100	463	183	52	0	0	4	2	6	2	0	0
213	Sheffield	163	59	140	49	411	150	561	260	200	0	0	5	6	6	...	...
214	Warrington	50	34	88	18	190	17	207	200	110	0	0	1	19	6	...	...
215	Wharton	50	14	85	24	173	...	173	*200	115	0	0	1	15	6	...	...
216	Wigan	87	50	133	26	296	70	366	200	105	0	0	2	16	6	...	...
	Preaching Stations ...	...	...	107	...	107	12	119	*107	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		4194	1089	7459	2260	15002	1623	16625	9266	3820	0	11	151	6	0	382	10	11
NEWCASTLE.																		
217	Bellingham	64	20	86	9	179	...	179	*200	157	10	0	2	10	0	...	...
218	Blackhill	53	...	242	...	295	66	361	*200	15	0	0	3	7	6	15	0	0
219	Blyth—Bridge Street ...	30	8	119	...	157	3	160	200	130	0	0	2	0	0	...	...
220	" —Waterloo Road ...	79	...	204	19	302	184	486	*205	3	3	0	4	12	6	3	3	0
221	Durham	66	46	154	8	274	9	283	200	200	0	0	3	0	0	...	...
222	Falstone	88	45	33	7	173	...	173	*200	150	0	0	2	10	0	...	...
223	Gateshead—Durham Road	149	...	217	40	406	737	1143	300	3	0	0	5	17	6	3	0	0
224	" —Ellison Street ...	90	31	171	4	296	...	296	250	120	0	0	4	17	6	...	...
225	Gosforth	66	...	228	2	296	...	296	210	...	...	...	2	10	0	...	...
226	Hebburn	94	47	125	12	278	...	278	*200	200	0	0	3	10	0	...	...
227	Hexham	Free	...	360	88	448	1240	1688	*200	215	0	0	4	5	0	15	0	0
228	Houghton-le-Spring ...	58	12	105	2	177	35	212	*200	137	10	0	2	7	6	...	...
229	Jarrow—Ellison Street ...	164	...	375	75	614	...	614	325	6	6	0	8	10	0	6	6	0
230	" —St. Kilda's	9	14	111	...	134	18	152	*155	100	0	0	1	7	6	...	...
231	Killingworth	13	1	57	...	71	...	71	70	56	0	0	0	15	0	
	Carried forward ...	1023	224	2587	266	4100	2292	6393	3115	1493	9	0	52	0	0	42	9	0

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(a) Inclusive of Coupland Street congregation now united.

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SYNODICAL FINANCES.

GRAND TOTAL.

Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.		No.
						1883.	1884.	1884.	1883.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	153 0 0	167 0 0	187
5 0 0	31 8 0	5 0 0	...	5 0 0	...	46 8 0	65 1 9	1112 8 0	1122 1 9	188
...	3 10 0	...	...	...	...	13 10 0	19 0 0	516 10 0	698 0 0	189
8 0 0	13 3 6	...	...	5 0 0	...	36 3 6	18 17 6	610 3 6	653 17 6	190
1 10 0	16 18 2	0 15 0	0 15 0	1 0 0	0 15 0	21 13 2	19 0 0	278 13 2	268 0 0	191
4 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	4 0 0	24 11 7	728 0 0	1291 11 7	192
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	243 0 0	154 0 0	193
...	24 16 0	...	...	...	...	24 16 0	21 10 4	527 16 0	535 10 4	194
8 8 6	24 9 5	5 10 6	...	8 3 0	...	65 17 7	74 6 8	651 17 7	586 6 8	195
1 7 7	29 12 9	...	...	...	...	64 15 0	30 9 2	897 15 0	806 9 2	196
6 9 11	33 16 3	...	...	...	...	40 6 2	...	250 6 2	231 0 0	197
15 9 6	50 14 6	...	...	15 7 5	6 10 9	167 2 9	243 5 4	968 2 9	1079 5 4	198
10 5 9	37 10 10	...	...	...	...	67 16 7	85 7 1	748 16 7	714 7 1	199
2 18 0	11 15 11	...	...	...	...	24 13 11	48 3 6	600 13 11	570 3 6	200
...	32 1 5	...	...	...	...	34 3 5	...	524 3 5	431 0 0	201
5 0 0	43 10 11	4 0 0	3 0 0	...	...	85 10 11	90 19 5	1191 10 11	913 19 5	202
...	41 14 4	...	...	15 14 0	5 7 0	82 15 4	51 17 9	826 15 4	870 17 9	203
...	14 16 3	...	...	...	...	14 16 3	16 6 4	552 16 3	504 6 4	204
18 0 0	68 2 0	...	3 0 0	5 0 0	...	119 2 0	151 6 9	987 2 0	949 6 9	205
5 0 0	64 2 3	3 0 0	...	...	...	106 6 5	103 3 4	1289 6 5	1714 3 4	206
36 19 4	203 3 6	...	...	10 5 0	3 11 6	341 2 8	326 9 11	1529 2 8	2463 9 11	207
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	146 0 0	...	208
2 0 0	4 0 0	...	...	...	...	6 0 0	5 0 0	441 0 0	377 0 0	209
...	1 10 0	...	...	1 0 0	...	2 10 0	...	300 10 0	248 0 0	210
...	0 16 0	...	...	...	1 8 8	2 4 8	2 9 6	32 4 8	33 9 6	211
...	9 9 4	...	...	...	...	11 9 4	3 8 4	474 9 4	353 8 4	212
2 0 0	7 10 9	...	6 6 0	...	...	15 16 9	12 15 10	576 16 9	425 15 10	213
1 0 0	3 9 0	...	...	...	...	4 9 0	5 7 6	211 9 0	295 7 6	214
1 5 0	9 13 3	...	...	1 0 0	1 0 0	12 18 3	13 11 2	185 18 3	282 11 2	215
1 11 0	4 0 0	1 6 4	0 10 0	1 12 8	...	9 0 0	...	375 0 0	766 0 0	216
1 2 7	0 12 10	0 11 8	...	...	...	2 7 1	3 13 4	121 7 1	235 13 4	
137 7 2	786 7 2	20 3 6	13 11 0	69 2 1	18 12 11	1427 14 9	1436 2 1	18052 14 9	19742 2 1	
...	
2 8 0	2 14 0	...	...	...	...	5 2 0	...	184 2 0	1264 0 0	217
1 18 8	17 11 2	...	...	6 2 0	...	40 11 10	41 17 10	401 11 10	340 17 10	218
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160 0 0	214 0 0	219
...	9 5 8	...	1 13 4	...	...	14 2 0	...	500 2 0	631 0 0	220
...	1 0 0	...	...	0 10 6	...	1 10 6	3 7 3	284 10 6	895 7 3	221
...	1 15 6	...	...	...	1 0 6	2 16 0	7 9 9	175 16 0	191 9 9	222
...	6 12 2	...	...	...	...	9 12 2	10 2 3	1152 12 2	579 2 3	223
...	3 12 0	...	...	0 10 0	...	4 2 0	7 7 0	300 2 0	376 7 0	224
0 8 7	0 8 7	...	...	...	...	0 17 2	5 0 4	296 17 2	926 0 4	225
...	3 16 7	...	...	...	...	3 16 7	2 14 8	281 16 7	436 14 8	226
...	36 8 7	3 0 0	1 14 0	3 3 0	3 0 0	62 5 7	36 5 9	1750 5 7	609 5 9	227
2 10 0	8 8 10	1 5 0	1 10 0	1 5 0	...	14 18 10	16 0 8	226 18 10	277 0 8	228
8 11 4	12 8 11	...	...	...	...	27 6 3	26 17 6	641 6 3	587 17 6	229
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	152 0 0	145 0 0	230
...	...	...	...	0 8 0	...	0 8 0	1 0 0	71 8 0	60 0 0	231
15 16 7	104 2 0	4 5 0	4 17 4	11 18 6	4 0 6	187 8 11	158 3 0	6579 8 11	7534 3 0	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor, Congregational Missions, &c. &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.				
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.								
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward ...	1023	224	2587	266	4100	2292	6392	3115	1493 9 0	52 0 0	42 9 0
232	Newcastle—Barras Bridge	250	...	856	159	1265	773	2038	735	53 12 3	10 0 0	53 12 3
233	" —Blackett Street	308	...	402	260	970	...	970	450	60 0 0	12 0 0	60 0 0
234	" —Erskine	59	...	209	...	268	200	468	200	...	3 10 0	...
235	" —Heaton	63	19	157	...	239	12	251	188	140 0 0	2 2 6	...
236	" —John Knox	249	...	291	190	730	27	757	400	240 18 0	9 0 0	40 18 0
237	" —St. George's	102	...	272	23	397	48	445	300	1 10 0	6 0 0	1 10 0
238	" —Trinity	523	...	432	320	1257	115	1390	800	286 7 3	13 10 0	86 7 3
239	" —Westmoreland Rd	257	...	369	227	853	73	926	400	46 5 0	9 10 0	46 5 0
240	North Shields—Howard St	170	31	273	69	543	463	1006	390	210 0 0	6 15 0	10 0 0
241	" —Northumberland Sq	182	...	301	105	588	687	1275	350	39 14 2	7 5 0	39 14 2
242	Seaham ...	48	...	139	3	190	124	314	200	14 0 9	1 10 0	...
243	Seaton Burn ...	31	5	51	...	87	...	87	155	80 0 0	1 7 6	...
244	Seaton Delaval ...	51	17	90	...	158	44	202	*200	125 0 1	1 17 6	...
245	South Shields—Laygate ...	free	...	517	85	602	73	675	*372	48 12 5	7 5 0	48 12 5
246	" —Mile End Rd	67	...	235	44	346	...	346	200	...	4 10 0	...
247	" —St. John's	142	...	263	30	435	36	471	300	...	5 15 0	...
248	" —St. Paul's	106	...	293	17	416	25	441	220	4 13 9	4 10 0	4 13 9
249	Stamfordham ...	free	41	74	...	115	3	118	128	80 0 0	1 5 0	...
250	Sunderland—Nth Bdge St	71	61	139	37	308	...	308	*200	200 0 0	4 10 0	...
251	" —St. George's	233	14	412	300	959	53	1012	500	250 0 0	10 0 0	50 0 0
252	" —St. Stephen's	57	33	136	26	252	110	362	200	145 0 0	3 0 0	...
253	" —Smyrna	78	...	323	24	425	32	457	300	200 0 0	4 10 0	...
254	" —Trinity	180	...	427	107	714	135	849	425	19 0 0	8 0 0	19 0 0
255	Swalwell ...	17	12	99	...	128	...	128	*200	110 0 0	2 12 6	...
256	Walker ...	85	...	185	41	311	10	321	*204	208 0 0	3 15 0	8 0 0
257	Wallsend ...	78	...	175	14	267	55	322	*200	...	3 7 6	...
258	Wark ...	29	3	59	...	91	...	91	*150	80 0 0	1 5 0	...
259	Willington Quay ...	40	13	220	20	293	28	321	200	202 16 0	2 7 6	2 16 0
	Preaching Station ...	...	...	36	...	36	720	756	21	...	...	...
		4499	473	10022	2367	17361	6138	23499	11703	4338 18 8	203 0 0	513 17 10
	NORTHUMBERLAND.											
260	Alnwick—Clayport Street	96	...	158	56	310	60	370	*200	...	3 19 0	...
261	" —Lisburn Street	67	14	111	...	192	...	192	*200	154 6 4	2 9 0	...
262	" —St. James's	136	18	139	17	310	217	527	*200	205 0 0	4 13 0	5 0 0
263	Bavington ...	64	25	25	...	114	11	125	*200	106 10 0	1 11 0	...
264	Bedlington ...	44	13	53	...	110	18	128	*vacant	95 11 2	1 18 0	...
265	Birdhopecraig ...	62	35	39	5	141	...	141	*200	122 10 0	1 16 0	...
266	Branton ...	96	11	74	15	196	...	196	*200	160 0 0	2 14 0	...
267	Embleton ...	69	13	59	...	141	17	158	200	130 0 0	2 11 0	...
268	Felton ...	58	12	50	2	122	25	147	*200	110 0 0	1 18 0	...
269	Glanton ...	108	20	63	7	198	...	198	*200	162 0 0	3 3 0	...
270	Harbottle ...	89	10	44	2	145	...	145	*200	125 0 0	2 9 0	...
271	Longframlington ...	24	23	16	3	66	17	83	*155	61 0 0	0 18 0	...
272	Morpeth ...	155	13	168	29	365	100	465	*275	215 0 0	5 13 0	15 0 0
273	Newbiggin ...	22	...	82	...	104	...	104	vacant	16 0 0	1 8 0	...
274	North Middleton ...	50	16	38	1	105	...	105	200	100 0 0	1 8 0	...
275	North Sunderland...	77	8	73	14	172	...	172	*200	150 0 0	3 13 0	...
276	Otterburn ...	59	38	46	2	145	...	145	*200	141 10 0	2 4 0	...
277	Thropton ...	64	19	31	...	114	...	114	*200	106 0 9	1 16 0	...
278	Warenford ...	71	19	45	3	138	...	138	*200	115 0 0	2 8 0	...
279	Warkworth...	73	17	48	...	138	9	147	*200	125 0 0	2 8 0	...
280	Widdrington ...	72	20	30	...	122	...	122	*200	110 0 0	2 1 0	...
281	Wooler—Cheviot Street	116	2	144	4	266	22	288	225	200 0 0	4 9 0	...
282	" —Tower Hill	44	13	54	1	112	...	112	*150	100 0 0	1 18 0	...
283	" —West Chapel	91	37	50	5	183	...	183	*200	155 0 0	2 15 0	...
		1807	396	1640	166	4009	496	4505	4405	2965 8 3	62 0 0	20 0 0

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.

GRAND TOTAL.

No.

Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.		No.
						1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
15 16 7	104 2 0	4 5 0	4 17 4	11 18 6	4 0 6	187 8 11	158 3 0	6579 8	117534 3	0
12 0 0	59 19 11	2 0 0	2 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	144 12 2	119 16 7	2182 12	21245 16	7 232
...	70 9 7	7 1 7	7 1 6	3 17 2	3 17 1	152 6 11	130 9 9	1122 6	111161 9	9 233
...	6 15 0	2 19 5	...	...	...	9 14 5	6 16 10	477 14	5 310 16	10 234
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	251 0 0	0 186 0	0 235
6 0 0	47 8 2	9 0 0	1 10 0	7 0 0	1 10 0	113 6 2	123 8 10	870 6	2 999 8	10 236
1 0 0	6 9 3	2 0 0	...	...	...	10 19 3	18 19 6	455 19	3 481 19	6 237
...	35 3 8	7 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	145 10 11	162 14 11	1535 10	111803 14	11 238
...	14 13 9	...	...	8 12 0	...	69 10 9	117 6 0	995 10	91094 6	0 239
1 10 0	30 10 0	13 6 11	...	...	1 0 0	56 6 11	55 16 0	1062 6	11 615 16	0 240
...	20 8 7	5 0 0	...	7 0 0	1 4 7	73 7 4	108 0 0	61348 7	4 740 0	6 241
1 0 0	...	...	...	0 13 4	...	1 13 4	2 0 0	315 13	41377 0	0 242
...	1 0 0	0 5 0	...	...	0 7 0	1 12 0	3 2 0	88 12 0	0 100 2	0 243
...	0 15 0	...	...	0 15 0	...	1 10 0	...	203 10 0	0 170 0	0 244
7 0 0	26 1 2	3 0 0	2 10 0	8 0 0	...	95 3 7	111 12 0	770 3	7 756 12	0 245
5 0 0	7 10 5	...	...	...	...	12 10 5	12 0 0	358 10	5 386 0	0 246
2 2 0	12 15 6	2 5 6	...	2 2 0	...	19 5 0	16 4 6	490 5	0 569 4	6 247
1 0 0	7 10 0	...	...	...	...	13 3 9	5 18 5	454 3	9 293 18	5 248
1 0 0	4 10 0	...	...	...	...	5 10 0	...	123 10 0	0 84 0	0 249
2 10 0	27 0 11	...	...	1 10 0	1 5 0	32 5 11	27 3 6	340 5	11 390 3	6 250
12 10 0	36 8 6	4 10 0	4 10 0	4 10 0	...	112 8 6	132 7 7	1124 8	6 1145 7	7 251
...	5 7 6	...	...	...	...	5 7 6	3 14 6	367 7	6 404 14	6 252
3 10 0	9 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	15 10 0	16 15 6	472 10	0 444 15	6 253
5 0 0	19 8 7	...	...	...	...	43 8 7	51 3 2	892 8	7 916 3	2 254
...	2 6 0	...	...	...	...	2 6 0	0 11 10	130 6	0 131 11	10 255
...	1 14 8	1 7 10	1 10 0	0 14 7	...	13 7 1	13 2 10	334 7	1 378 2	10 256
1 0 0	5 9 0	1 0 0	...	0 11 0	...	8 0 0	4 0 0	330 0	0 332 0	0 257
...	1 15 0	...	...	1 16 9	...	3 11 9	1 15 0	94 11	9 92 15	0 258
1 14 0	7 11 8	1 0 0	...	1 5 0	...	14 6 8	13 11 6	335 6	8 343 11	6 259
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	756 0 0	...	...
79 12 7	572 3 10	67 1 3	29 18 10	77 5 4	24 4 2	1364 3 10	1416 14 3	24863 3 10	21444 14 3	...
...	9 10 9	...	...	2 17 8	2 12 5	15 0 10	26 6 7	385 0 10	543 6 7	260
2 15 0	11 6 3	...	...	...	...	14 1 3	16 19 0	206 1 3	209 19 0	261
4 2 0	11 3 5	1 12 0	...	2 0 0	...	23 17 5	17 7 0	550 17 5	511 7 0	262
0 18 6	11 1 5	...	...	...	1 6 0	13 5 11	13 11 11	138 5 11	130 11 11	263
...	0 16 0	...	...	0 10 0	...	1 6 0	6 9 11	129 6 0	125 9 5	264
...	2 4 2	...	...	1 0 0	1 0 0	4 4 2	6 1 7	145 4 2	145 1 7	265
...	3 8 8	1 16 0	...	1 3 0	1 16 2	8 3 10	6 19 0	204 3 10	186 19 0	266
1 0 0	2 5 6	...	...	0 15 0	...	4 0 6	5 7 3	162 0 6	141 7 3	267
1 1 0	4 0 0	...	...	1 0 0	0 10 6	6 11 6	6 11 3	153 11 6	132 11 3	268
2 0 0	4 18 3	1 14 0	...	2 0 0	...	10 12 3	9 8 0	208 12 3	225 8 0	269
1 3 6	6 18 6	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	...	10 2 0	7 3 8	155 2 0	148 3 8	270
0 7 6	0 15 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 10 0	0 5 0	2 7 6	2 2 6	85 7 6	67 2 6	271
4 3 0	13 2 3	3 16 0	...	6 3 9	...	42 5 0	36 9 3	507 5 0	438 9 3	272
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	104 0 0	0 73 0	273
0 7 6	2 7 9	...	...	0 5 0	...	3 0 3	1 5 0	108 0 3	107 5 0	274
1 10 0	8 10 2	1 10 0	...	1 10 0	...	13 0 2	23 15 6	185 0 2	202 15 6	275
2 10 0	9 5 8	1 3 0	1 3 0	1 8 0	1 7 6	16 17 2	16 1 4	161 17 2	182 1 4	276
2 1 0	3 12 0	...	...	1 8 4	...	7 1 4	8 3 0	121 1 4	114 3 0	277
...	4 0 1	...	...	0 15 0	...	4 15 1	1 0 6	142 15 1	139 0 6	278
0 10 0	3 5 0	...	...	1 0 0	...	4 15 0	4 10 0	151 15 0	149 10 0	279
1 0 6	0 13 6	...	...	0 11 0	0 9 0	2 14 0	...	124 14 0	0 124 0	280
1 19 1	11 15 11	2 0 0	4 1 0	1 6 10	...	21 2 10	15 0 4	309 2 10	208 0 4	281
1 13 6	5 6 0	...	...	1 2 0	...	8 1 6	5 8 0	120 1 6	114 8 0	282
1 0 0	1 11 0	1 10 0	...	...	0 10 0	4 11 0	6 3 3	187 11 0	178 3 3	283
30 2 1	131 17 3	16 6 0	5 9 0	28 5 7	9 16 7	241 16 6	242 3 10	4746 16	64598 3 10	...

SUMMARY—

No.	PRESBYTERIES, &c.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.								Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.			Synod Fund.			Sustentation Fund Aid-Giving.		
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Poor, Congregational Missions, &c. &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.										
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.															
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	Berwick ...	1450	209	1479	2491	5629	678	6307	3363	1558	1	1	55	16	0	79	0	0	
2	Birmingham ...	1147	604	2639	321	4711	1966	6677	3392	2112	17	11	45	0	0	35	0	0	
3	Bristol ...	1363	407	1953	629	4352	2630	6982	2400	1304	2	0	42	0	0	179	2	0	
4	Carlisle ...	853	359	1814	256	3282	290	3572	2969	2121	8	5	36	19	9	81	15	9	
5	Darlington ...	870	913	3312	485	5580	1964	7544	3994	2594	17	2	61	0	0	38	17	2	
6	Liverpool ...	7996	2030	8509	5626	24161	6238	30399	13641	6080	8	8	251	6	6	1188	18	8	
7	London ...	15994	5094	23210	9754	54052	17869	71921	30905	14232	12	1	477	1	0	3067	16	4	
8	Manchester ...	4194	1089	7459	2260	15002	1623	16625	9266	3820	0	11	151	6	0	382	10	11	
9	Newcastle ...	4499	473	10022	2367	17361	6138	23499	11703	4338	18	8	203	0	0	513	17	10	
10	Northumberland ...	1807	396	1640	166	4009	496	4505	4405	2965	8	3	62	0	0	20	0	0	
11	Donations, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	814	7	3	19	10	0	814	7	3
12	Scholarships ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Church Building ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Aged and Infirm Ministers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	Widows and Orphans ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Women's Missionary Association ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	Free Church of Scotland ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		40173	11574	62037	24355	138139	39892	178031	86038	41943	2	5	1404	19	3	6401	5	11	

II. FINANCIAL.

SYNODICAL FINANCES													No.
Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.					
						1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.				
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
38 9 5	188 4 5	14 15 3	9 7 6	23 10 3	13 8 3	366 15 1	366 13 10	6673 15 1	4748 13 10	1			
17 13 7	143 8 1	14 9 10	5 17 0	7 14 6	1 0 6	225 3 6	286 9 7	6902 3 6	6002 9 7	2			
25 10 2	348 14 9	9 15 5	10 18 9	27 19 11	7 3 9	609 4 9	476 13 5	7591 4 9	6629 13 5	3			
25 3 3	128 17 5	19 18 0	7 0 0	21 4 0	5 17 5	289 15 10	288 1 0	3861 15 10	3894 1 0	4			
46 4 2	415 5 8	27 17 2	5 8 0	18 6 4	4 16 0	556 14 6	550 9 5	8100 14 6	12123 9 5	5			
54 18 6	1811 18 11	192 9 8	121 15 9	214 4 9	41 3 4	3925 9 7	4452 14 9	34324 9 7	37262 14 9	6			
65 12 7	4057 3 10	456 6 8	229 1 10	459 15 4	109 5 0	9145 1 7	8731 4 7	81066 1 7	73616 4 7	7			
37 7 2	786 7 2	20 3 6	13 11 0	69 2 1	18 12 11	1427 14 9	1436 2 1	18052 14 9	19742 2 1	8			
79 12 7	572 3 10	67 1 3	29 18 10	77 5 4	24 4 2	1364 3 10	1416 14 3	24863 3 10	24444 14 3	9			
30 2 1	131 17 3	16 6 0	5 9 0	28 5 7	9 16 7	241 16 6	242 3 10	4746 16 6	4598 3 10	10			
65 7 6	5507 17 2	19 18 4	60 3 0	2454 18 11	26 5 0	8948 17 2	10822 8 0	8948 17 2	10822 8 0	11			
...	...	...	...	365 15 2	...	365 15 2	395 14 2	365 15 2	395 14 2	12	
...	...	...	...	...	...	832 16 5	1096 15 3	832 16 5	1096 15 3	13	
...	...	...	...	...	...	362 3 8	300 1 2	362 3 8	300 1 2	14	
...	...	...	...	...	...	3470 7 8	3139 15 10	3470 7 8	3139 15 10	15	
...	3039 5 7	...	...	...	...	3039 5 7	1951 9 11	3039 5 7	1951 9 11	16	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150 12 10	...	150 12 10	17	
586 1 0	17131 4 1	859 1 1	498 10 8	3768 2 2	261 12 11	35171 5 7	36204 3 11	213202 5 7	211219 3 11				



ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH.

Dr. MUTER TRUST—INTEREST ACCOUNT *in account with the TRUSTEES,* Cr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1884.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Dividends paid over to Sustentation Fund General Account	800	17	3	By Dividends received—			
				" London, Chatham, and Dover Railway £1,500 Arbitration Preference Stock, for year to June 30, 1884 (<i>less</i> tax)	60	11	8
				" Caledonian Railway Coy. on £8,360 Ordinary Stock for year to July 31, 1884 (<i>less</i> tax)	368	7	5
				" " on £1,554 Consolidated Preference Stock for year to July 31, 1884 (<i>less</i> tax)	76	1	6
				" North British Railway Company on £1,400 Edinburgh and Glasgow 4½ % Preference, for year to July 31, 1884 (<i>less</i> tax)	61	13	10
				" New Zealand Consolidated 4 % Stock on £4,000, for year to Nov. 1, 1884 (<i>less</i> tax)	156	13	4
				" Barlow & Jones (Limited) on 50 shares for year to September 30, 1884	32	0	0
				" Income Tax returned for 3 years	45	9	6
					£800	17	3

No CHANGES IN CAPITAL DURING 1884.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

(911)

INVESTMENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1884.

£	8,360	Caledonian Railway Consolidated Ordinary Stock.
1,554	"	5 % Preference Stock.
2,725	"	Deferred Ordinary Stock.
1,400	North British Railway Edinburgh and Glasgow 4½ % Preference Stock.	
1,500	London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Arbitration Preference 4½ % Stock.	
14,000	" " " " Ordinary Stock.	
4,000	New Zealand 4 % Consolidated Stock.	
50	Shares in Barlow & Jones (Limited), £6 paid, £2 paid in advance.	
E. & O. E.	JNO. LEGGAT.	
December 31, 1884.	<i>Financial Secretary.</i>	

Audited and found correct,
ROBT. A. MCLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 7, 1885.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

(912)

THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND

In account with the

TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1884.

Cr.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Allowances from Fund ...	...	...	...	By Balance from last year	...	...	...
" Investments made during year ...	...	...	...	" Interest on Investments	...	287	2 2
" Proportion of Office Charges	...	...	...	" Congregational Contributions	...	5	1 6
" Travelling Expenses	...	10	12 0	" Donations	...	10	0 0
" Synod Printing	...	4	6 2	" Legacy (the late Miss M. P. Hogg, Newcastle)	...	60	0 0
" College Rent	...	3	1 10				
		1	0 0				
			19 0 0				362 3 8
			429 18 9				
			12 0 8				
" Balance in bank ...	...	...	...	
			£441 19 5				£441 19 5

Dr.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance	By Sundry Investments at Cost Price at December 31, 1883	...	6,229	11 2
			6,441 5 7	" Amount invested during 1884	...	199	13 9
			£6,441 5 7				
				" Cash in Bank as above	...	6,429	4 11
							12 0 8
							£6,441 5 7

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. McLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 7, 1885.

E. & O. E.

December 31, 1884.

JNO. LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

INVESTMENTS at DECEMBER 31, 1884.

<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	
			Great Eastern Railway, 4% Preference Stock.				Illinois Central Railroad, 6% Sterling Bonds.
1,500	0	0	5% Debenture Stock.	200	0	0	New Zealand,
360	0	0	Birkenhead Railway,	100	0	0	5% Government Consolidated Loan.
			4½% Preference Stock.				India,
1,000	0	0	Great Western Railway. 5% Guaranteed Stock.	104	19	0	United States, 4% Stock.
289	0	0	North British Railway, 5% Preference Stock, 1874.				4½% Funded Loan, 1891.
800	0	0	Metropolitan Railway, 4% Debenture Stock.	132	0	0	London and North-Western Railway, 4% Guaranteed Stock.
150	0	0	Caledonian Railway, 4% Consolidated Guaranteed Stock.	253	16	2	New Zealand, 4% Consolidated Stock.
100	0	0	East India Railway, Annuities Class B.	200	0	0	Cape of Good Hope, 4½% Government Bonds (£100 of 1872 and £100 of 1874).
49	12	6					

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

INVESTMENTS at DECEMBER 31, 1884.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
...	London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, Consolidated Preference 5% Stock.	806	0 0
...	5% Consolidated Guaranteed Stock.	112	0 0
...	North British Railway.	550	0 0
...	6% Monkland Preference Stock.	4,610	0 0
...	Great Western Railway.	2,044	0 0
...	5% Consolidated Preference Stock.	2,125	0 0
...	Caledonian Railway.	600	0 0
...	4% Consolidated Preference Stock, No. 1.	920	0 0
...	4% " " No. 2.	550	0 0
...	4% Consolidated Guaranteed Stock.	1,063	0 0
...	New 4% Consolidated Stock, 1884.	400	0 0
...	South-Eastern Railway.	1,555	0 0
...	5% Consolidated Preference Stock.	676	0 0
...	London and North-Western Railway.	300	0 0
...	4% Consolidated Preference Stock.		
...	Midland Railway.		
...	5% Consolidated Perpetual Preference Stock.		
...	Great Eastern Railway.		
...	4% Preference Stock.		
...	Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway.		
...	4% Guaranteed South Yorkshire Rent Charge Stock		
...	Metropolitan Railway.		
...	4% Perpetual Preference Stock.		
...	Scinde, Punjab, and Delhi Railway, 5% Guaranteed Capital Stock.		
...	Illinois Central Railroad.		
...	5% Sterling Sinking Fund Bonds, 1903.		
...	Pennsylvania Railroad.		
...	6% Consolidated Sinking Fund Mortgage Bonds.		
...	City of Montreal, Loan Bonds.		
...	5% Sterling Loan Bonds.		
...	India.		
...	4% Stock.		
...	New Zealand.		
...	4% Consolidated Inscribed Stock.		
...	Cape of Good Hope.		
...	4% Government Bonds.		
...	Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Coy. Lim.		
...	4% Debenture Stock.		
...	Victoria Government.		
...	4% Debenture Railway Loan (£200 of 1873, £400 of 1876).		
...	Queensland Government.		
...	4% Debenture Loan, 1915.		
...	South Australian Government.		
...	4% Loan 1881 Inscribed Stock.		

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

(914)

Dr.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

Cr.

Ten Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1884.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1884.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Annuities .....	...			792	10	0
" Proportion of Office Charges ...	...	53	0	0		
" " Travelling Expenses ...	...	10	15	8		
" " Synod Printing ...	...	6	2	10		
" " College Rent "	...	3	0	0		
" " Printing and Stationery ...	...	3	14	0		
" Investments made during the Year	2,837	5	0	76	12	6
Less amount realised ...	... 200	0	0	2,637	5	0
" Balance in Bank ...	...			3,506	7	6
				187	13	7
				£3,694	1	1
By Balance from last Year	...					
" Interest on Capital ...	...			1,153	15	6
" Donations on account £2,000 additional Capital ...	...			211	6	4
" Donations, Fees, &c. ...	...			308	7	1
" Ministers' Premiums ...	...			1,796	18	9
				3,470	7	8
" Balance brought down ...	...			£3,694	1	1
				187	13	7

ANNUITIES FUND.

To Paid Annuity as per General Account	£	s.	d.
Balance	...	792	10 0
...	...	14,719	0 5
		£15,511	10 5

By Balance from 1883	£	s.	d.
" 70 per Cent. on Members' Contribution of £1,796 18s. 9d.	...	13,099	17 9
" Interest on Capital	...	1,257	17 2
	...	1,153	15 6
		£15,511	10 5

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Incidental Expenses as per General Account	...	76	12	6	By Balance from 1883	...	...
" Balance	...	...	...	...	" 30 per Cent. on Members' Contributions of £1,796 18s. 9d.	539	1 7
					" Donations, Fees, &c.	...	519 13 5
						£14,284	18 7

For Auditor's Certificate see under 'Balance Sheet,' next page.

Cr.

JOHN LEGGAT, *Financial Secretary.*

ROBT. A. MCLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
n. February 7, 1885.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND,
For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1884.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.
(915)

THE HOME MISSION FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Cr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1884.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Grants:—						
I. Church Extension Grants ...	1,233	17	5			
II. Evangelistic Grants—						
1. Mission Congregations and						
Preaching Stations ...£302	10	6				
2. Employment of Students	53	15	0			
3. Half Expenses of Evan-						
gelistic Services ...	21	11	2			
4. Proportion of cost of						
Mission Work at Year-						
mouth (2 years) ...	20	0	0	397	16	2
						1,631 13 7
Proportion of Office Charges ...				106	0	0
" Travelling Expenses ...				38	11	10
" Synod Printing ...				34	18	8
" College Rent ...				7	10	0
" Printing ...				6	10	4
						193 10 10
Expenses of Synod Deputies ...						40 13 2
						1,865 17 7
Balance in Bank ...						987 13 6
						£2,853 11 1
By Balance brought down ...						987 13 6
Sabbath Schools ...						36 0 3
Donations ...						43 8 4
Interest ...						21 19 2
By Balance from last year ...						
Congregational Contributions—						
Presbytery of Derwick ...	38	9	5			
Birmingham... ..	21	17	9			
" Bristol ...	20	10	2			
" Carlisle ...	18	7	9			
" Darlington ...	42	7	1			
" Liverpool ...	352	18	6			
" London ...	753	5	7			
" Manchester ...	133	7	2			
" Newcastle ...	74	7	9			
" Northumberland ...	29	2	1			
						1,484 13 3

HOME MISSION RESERVE FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1884.						
To Amount drawn from Deposit	1,000	0	0			
" Interest carried to General Account as above	21	19	2			
Dec. 31.						
" Balance with Foreign Missions Committee	1,021	19	2			
By Balance on Deposit at Bankers						
" Amount lent to Foreign Missions						
Committee ...	8	10	8			
" Interest from Bankers ...						
" Foreign Missions ...						
Committee ...	13	8	6			
						21 19 2
By Balance brought down ...						
						£2,021 19 2
						1,000 0 0

Audited and found correct,

ROBERT A. MCLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 7, 1885.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1884.JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

GRANTS PAID FROM HOME MISSION FUND, for Year ended December 31, 1884.

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CHURCH BUILDING FUND AND AID AND LOAN FUND.

(918)

THE CHURCH BUILDING FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1884.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Grant:—						
Richmond (first moiety) ...	...	...	...	375	0	0
" Expenses of Deputies ...	...	...	...	13	19	6
" Proportion of Office Charges ...	...	...	...	42	7	11
" Travelling Expenses ...	...	...	...	12	13	4
" College Rent ...	...	...	...	5	0	0
" Synod Printing ...	...	...	...	5	3	2
Of which	79	3	11			
Four-fifths=	63	7	2			
" Balance in Bank ...	...	...	...	438	7	2
	...	...	...	2,235	4	11
	£2,673	12	1			
By Balance from last year ...	...	...	...
" Subscriptions £582 16s. 5d., of which four-fifths =	...	...	...
" Union Thanksgiving Fund ...	...	...	...
	500	0	0			
	£2,673	12	1			
" Balance brought down	...	...	...	2,235	4	11

THE AID AND LOAN FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1884.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	...	...	...	116	11	3
" Grants, viz. :—				250	0	0
" Leicester (Loan) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Hartlepool ...	...	...	...	200	0	0
" Parkgate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" One-fifth of Expenses as above	...	...	...	566	11	3
	700	0	0	636	11	10
" Balance brought down	...	...	...
	15	16	9			
	£1,203	3	1			
" Audited and found correct,	...	...	...	£1,203	3	1

1 Queen Victoria Street, London,
February 7, 1885.

ROBT. A. MCLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1884.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

(920)

The Foreign Missions Fund in account

For Year ended

Dr.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,044	4	10
To <i>Missionaries' Salaries</i> —									
AMOY,	Rev. W. S. Swanson (14 months to Dec. 31)			525	0	0			
	Rev. Wm. Macgregor	...	...	420	0	0			
	Rev. Robert Gordon	...	...	370	0	0			
	Rev. Henry Thompson	...	...	350	0	0			
	Rev. John Watson	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. Dr. A. L. Macleish	...	...	346	0	0			
	Dr. Grant	...	...	250	0	0			
SWATOW,	Rev. George Smith	...	...	326	0	0			
	Rev. H. L. Mackenzie	...	...	380	0	0			
	Rev. William Duffus	...	...	380	0	0			
	Rev. Jno. C. Gibson	...	...	320	0	0			
	Rev. D. MacIver	...	...	250	0	0			
	Rev. Dr. Wm. Riddell	...	...	320	0	0			
	Dr. Lyall	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. McPhun	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. Cousland	...	...	232	13	10			
	Mr. Wm. Paton (Missionary Teacher)	...	...	268	10	0			
FORMOSA,	Dr. Maxwell	...	...	360	0	0			
	Rev. William Campbell	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. Thomas Barclay	...	...	250	0	0			
	Rev. William Thow	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. Anderson	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. W. R. Thompson	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. James Main	...	...	250	0	0			
	Mr. Geo. Ede (Missionary Teacher)	...	...	234	7	6			
SINGAPORE,	Rev. J. A. B. Cook	...	...	320	0	0			
							8,222	11	4
„ <i>Widows' and Orphans' Fund</i> , extra premium for residence abroad of									
28 Missionaries	...	...	...	...	...	...	140	0	0
„ <i>Passage Money</i> —									
Rev. W. Duffus and family, homewards	...	...	...	162	17	5			
Rev. W. McGregor and Rev. Jas. Main, homewards	...	...	...	116	4	4			
Dr. Morison and family, outwards	...	...	...	90	0	0			
Rev. D. Smith, freight &c. on luggage	...	...	...	3	11	6			
							372	13	3
„ <i>Travelling Expenses of Missionaries in England on</i>									
<i>Deputation work</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	247	19	5
„ <i>Outfit of Missionaries</i> —									
Dr. and Mrs. Morison (Return)	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	10	0
„ <i>Home Charges</i> —									
The “Gospel in China”	...		£167	0	2				
<i>Less</i> donations received	...		3	3	0				
						163	17	2	
Carried forward	...	...		163	17	2	10,094	18	10

with the Treasurership Committee,

DECEMBER 31, 1884.

Cr.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By	<i>Congregational Contributions—</i>								
	From Presbytery of Berwick	...	...	152	5	2			
	" Birmingham	...	...	51	15	1			
	" Bristol	...	...	288	18	8			
	" Carlisle	...	...	59	13	7			
	" Darlington	...	...	303	16	4			
	" Liverpool	...	...	1,541	11	2			
	" London	...	...	3,366	7	7			
	" Manchester	...	...	463	12	0			
	" Newcastle	...	...	394	18	9			
	" Northumberland	...	...	78	3	9			
							6,701	2	1
"	Juvenile Fund	...	...				1,911	3	0
"	<i>Colonial and Continental Contributions—</i>								
	Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, per Rev.								
	Isaac Mackay	...	...	60	0	0			
	Free Evangelical Church of Germany—								
	Breslau	...	...	2	17	0			
	Görlitz	...	...	6	7	6			
							9	4	6
	Dr. Murray Thompson, India	...	...	10	0	0			
							79	4	6
"	<i>Edinburgh Committee of Scottish Auxiliary Associations, for Salaries of—</i>								
	Rev. George Smith	...	...	296	16	8			
	Rev. Wm. McGregor	...	...	450	0	0			
	Rev. W. Duffus	...	...	380	0	0			
	Rev. D. McIver	...	...	250	0	0			
	Rev. Dr. Riddell	...	...	314	9	1			
	Dr. Lyall	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. McPhun	...	...	208	6	8			
				2,149	12	5			
	Subscriptions to Widows' and Orphans' Fund	...	...	35	0	0			
	Salaries of Native Evangelists, &c.	...	...	350	0	0			
							2,534	12	5
"	<i>Legacies—</i>								
	The late Miss M. P. Hogg, Newcastle	...	...	20	0	0			
	" Donald Mackay, Thurso (annuity)	...	...	10	0	0			
	" Mr. Feneity, Forest Hill	...	...	7	0	0			
							37	0	0
"	<i>Donations—</i>								
	A. B. C.	...	...	2	2	0			
	James Alexander, jun., Esq.	...	...	100	0	0			
	T. S. Alston, Esq., on account of New School,								
	Formosa	...	...	1	12	6			
	William Amos, Esq.	...	...	4	0	0			
	Dr. Anderson	...	...	10	0	0			
	Carried forward	...	...	117	14	6	11,263	2	0

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

(922)

Dr.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND in account

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	...	163	17	2	10,094	18	10
<i>Home Charges, continued—</i>								
	Illustrations for "Children's Messenger"	...	23	18	0			
	Insertion of Juvenile Contributions in "Children's Messenger"	...	30	18	6			
	Annual Reports	...	48	2	6			
	Share of Synod Reports and Printing	...	45	12	0			
	Share of Office Charges	...	211	19	11			
	Travelling Expenses of Presbytery Representatives and Members of Committee	...	33	9	4			
	Missionary Boxes, Children's Cards, &c.	...	37	12	6			
	Printing and Advertising	...	7	12	4			
	Messengers and Posting to Missionaries and Home Correspondents	...	15	11	6			
	Share of College Rent	...	12	10	0			
	Legacy Duty on annuity from late D. Mackay, Thurso	...	14	1	5			
	Rev. W. S. Swanson (Rent and Taxes)	...	58	3	10			
						703	9	0
„	Interest on Overdrawn Account	...				200	11	7
„	Amoy Mission Expenses, viz.—		Dols.	Dols.				
	Salaries of 29 Native Preachers	...			2,085			
	„ 12 „ Teachers	...			660			
	„ 20 Chapel-keepers	...			497			
	„ 1 Colporteur	...			69			
	Support of 11 Students	...			346			
	Wages of 6 Boatmen	...			360			
	Steam Launch Expenses	...			218	76		
	Travelling, Consular Fees, &c.	...			491	94		
	Gospel Boat Expenses	...			164	81		
	Middle School, less Fees	...			140			
	Students' Seminary Expenses	...			66			
	Rents of Chapels, &c.	...			294			
	Allowance to 1 Widow	...			13			
	Maintaining and Repairing Kolongsu Houses	...			422	60		
	Church Building	...			588	50		
	Amoy Hospital, less Fees and Donations...	...			1,486	34		
	Chin-Chew Hospital	...			357	46		
	Balance in Treasurer's hands	...			792	68		
						9,053	09	
	Received for Rent of House	...	226	61				
	„ „ Books Sold	...	69	42				
	„ „ Discount on Dollars	...	16	52				
	„ Native Contributions	...	115	50				
	Balance from last account	...	203	78				
						631	83	
						88,421	26	or
						£1,575	10	10
	Medicines sent from England	...				101	2	2
						1,676	13	0
„	Svaton Mission Expenses, viz.—							
	Salaries of 12 Native Preachers	...			790			
	„ 5 „ Teachers	...			189	60		
	„ 5 Private Teachers	...			457	20		
	„ 12 „ Chapel-keepers	...			362	15		
	Wages of 4 Boatmen	...			163	64		
	Support of 19 Students	...			503	50		
	College Expenses	...			169			
	Carried forward	...	2,635	09		12,675	12	5

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	...	117	14	6	11,263	2	0
By Donations (continued)—								
“An Aged Friend”	...	...	10	0	0			
“Anonymous,” per Rev. J. Mellis	...	...	10	0	0			
“Anonymous”	...	...	2	0	0			
“Anonymous”	...	...	50	0	0			
Miss Atkins	...	...	0	10	0			
W. Brown	...	...	5	0	0			
Burntisland, U. P. Congregation	...	...	1	0	0			
James Byers, Esq.	...	...	2	0	0			
Mrs. Caley	...	...	1	1	0			
Rev. W. Campbell	...	...	18	15	0			
Mrs. Thomson Crabbe	...	...	2	0	0			
Mrs. Cunningham	...	...	0	5	0			
“D. M. M.”	...	...	1	0	0			
Geo. Duncan, Esq.	...	...	250	0	0			
Mr. Evershed	...	...	0	10	0			
James Farquharson, Esq.	...	...	1	0	0			
Rev. Enoch Franks	...	...	0	10	6			
“A Friend”	...	...	500	0	0			
“A Friend”	...	...	400	0	0			
“A Friend”	...	...	100	0	0			
“A Friend,” Otterburn	...	...	0	10	0			
“A Friend,” per James E. Mathieson, Esq.	...	...	30	0	0			
“A Friend,” per Mrs. Waters, Burghhead	...	...	5	0	0			
L. Gibson, Esq.	...	...	3	3	0			
Mrs. Goodall, on account of Boys' School, Formosa	...	...	1	0	0			
James Goodman, Esq.	...	...	20	0	0			
James Grant, Esq. (2 donations)	...	...	3	10	0			
Miss Hall	...	...	1	0	0			
T. K. Hardie, Esq.	...	...	10	0	0			
Mrs. Peter Hardie	...	...	10	0	0			
“In Memoriam, M. S. S.”	...	...	100	0	0			
A. R. Johnston, Esq.	...	...	10	0	0			
C. J. Kerr, Esq.	...	...	1	1	0			
Capt. H. King, R.N.	...	...	1	0	0			
John Leckie, Esq.	...	...	2	0	0			
Mrs. Lyal	...	...	1	10	0			
James Macandrew, Esq.	...	...	5	0	0			
Rev. D. McIver	...	...	7	10	0			
Rev. Jas. Mackenzie	...	...	5	0	0			
D. McLaren, Esq.	...	...	20	0	0			
Rev. James McMurchy	...	...	6	0	0			
Dr. McPhun	...	...	50	0	0			
Thomas McQuarrie, Esq.	...	...	0	15	0			
Lieut.-Col. Martin	...	...	2	0	0			
H. M. Matheson, Esq.	...	...	100	0	0			
Dr. Maxwell	...	...	30	0	0			
Miss Murray	...	...	0	5	0			
Misses Nickson	...	...	2	0	0			
Panbride, F. C. Congregation (2 contributions)	...	...	5	2	0			
Rev. J. Parker's Jubilee Fund, moiety of the Lord's portion, per Rev. J. S. Rae	...	...	5	0	0			
Readers of the “Christian,” per Messrs. Morgan and Scott	...	...	1	0	0			
Reyner Trust Fund	...	...	25	0	0			
Rev. Dr. Riddell	...	...	6	18	8			
Rev. J. G. Van-Rijn	...	...	2	0	0			
Miss Royston	...	...	1	1	0			
“S. S.”	...	...	100	0	0			
Carried forward	...	...	2,047	11	8	11,263	2	0

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

(924)

Dr.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND *in account*

		Dols.	Dols.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	...		2,635.09	12,675	12	5
To <i>Swatow Mission Expenses</i> , continued—						
Rents ... ..	...	...	438.22			
Repairs on Buildings ... ..	...	...	1,761.76			
Travelling and General Expenses ... ..	...	...	1,121.82			
Middle School, <i>less</i> Fees ... ..	...	...	358.68			
Girls' School, <i>less</i> Fees ... ..	...	...	433.34			
Bibles and Tracts, <i>less</i> Sales ... ..	...	...	8.64			
Station Expenses ... ..	...	...	160.91			
Balance in Treasurer's hands ... ..	...	...	379.26			
			7,297.72			
Balance from last account ... ..	...	392.40				
Donations received in Swatow ... ..	...	378.56				
			770.96			
			\$6,526.76 or			
			£1,235 11 7			
Medicines sent from England ... ..	...	...	117 14 2			
				1,353	5	9
„ <i>Hakka Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—						
Salaries of 7 Preachers, 8 Teachers, 4 Chapel-keepers, and support of 10 Students ... ..	...	...	1,368.			
College Expenses ... ..	...	...	29.94			
Buildings and Repairs ... ..	...	...	1,104.62			
Travelling and General Expenses ... ..	...	...	473.68			
Boys' School, <i>less</i> Fees ... ..	...	...	15.32			
Books, <i>less</i> Sales ... ..	...	...	17.61			
Colportage, <i>less</i> Receipts ... ..	...	...	51.89			
Balance in Treasurer's hands ... ..	...	...	195.55			
			\$3,256.61 or	616	11	0
„ <i>Formosa Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—						
Salaries of 20 Preachers ... ..	...	...	1,964.			
„ 4 Missionaries' Teachers ... ..	...	...	348.			
„ 3 School Teachers ... ..	...	...	72.			
„ Chapel-keepers ... ..	...	...	199.			
„ College Tutor and Students ... ..	...	...	603.			
College Expenses ... ..	...	...	36.74			
Travelling and General Expenses ... ..	...	...	1,996.35			
Buildings ... ..	...	...	13,083.09			
Books, <i>less</i> Sales ... ..	...	...	12.55			
Balance in Treasurer's hands ... ..	...	...	758.33			
			19,073.06			
Balance from last account ... ..	...	227 55				
Native Contributions ... ..	...	305.31				
Donations received in Formosa ... ..	...	387.50				
			920.36			
			18,152.70 or			
			£3,398 15 8			
Medicines sent from England ... ..	...	...	96 3 3			
				3,494	18	11
„ <i>Singapore Mission Expenses</i> —						
Salaries of 2 Preachers	330			
Carried forward	330	18,140	8	1

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	2,047	11	8	11,263	2	0			
<i>By Donations (continued)—</i>									
"J. S." per Rev. J. Masson, Coupar Angus	10	0	0			
"Scotch Friends of Missionaries"	...	...	...	1	0	0			
"Scotland"	...	...	...	10	0	0			
Wm. Sharp, Esq.	...	...	...	1	1	0			
Miss Elizabeth Sismur (2 donations)	...	...	...	1	0	0			
Geo. Sturge, Esq. (1st instalment of £1,000)	...	...	...	100	0	0			
J. A. Swanston, Esq.	...	...	...	15	0	0			
Rev. W. R. Thompson	...	...	...	11	16	4			
Rev. Wm. Thow	...	...	...	30	0	0			
"W. C."	...	...	...	1	0	0			
"W. J."	...	...	...	0	14	8			
James Wallace, Esq. (subscription)	...	...	...	2	2	0			
Misses Waterhouse	...	...	...	5	0	0			
Rev. John Watson	...	...	...	10	0	0			
J. T. Waugh, Esq.	...	...	...	2	0	0			
"A Widow"	...	...	...	0	10	0			
Mrs. White, of Overton	...	...	...	50	0	0			
J. C. White, Esq.	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Miss Whitfield (2 donations)	...	...	...	2	5	0			
T. N. Whitfield, Esq.	...	...	...	1	0	0			
Stephen Williamson, Esq., M.P.	...	...	...	100	0	0			
"A Workman's Thank-offering"	...	...	...	2	0	0			
<i>Donations on account of India—</i>									
"A Friend"	...	...	...	100	0	0			
"A Friend," per Rev. W. Young	...	...	...	10	10	0			
"J. D.," on account of Dr. Morison's Tent	...	...	...	0	1	6			
J. W. Laidlay, Esq.	...	...	...	50	0	0			
Arthur Magniac, Esq.	...	...	...	50	0	0			
C. S. & H. K. Patterson, Esqs.	...	...	...	1	0	0			
Reyner Trust Fund	...	...	...	30	0	0			
J. R. Bullen Smith, Esq., C.S.I.	...	...	...	20	0	0			
James Wallace, Esq. (subscription)	...	...	...	2	2	0			
				263	13	6			
							2,767	14	2
<i>„ Collections at Missionary Meetings—</i>									
At Manchester	...	...	...	6	1	0			
At Alnwick	...	...	...	7	9	0			
At Strathpeffer	...	...	...	5	15	6			
							19	5	6
<i>„ Svatow Girls' School—</i>									
Interest on Deposit of £1,033	...	...	...	41	16	10			
Balance from Women's Missionary Association	...	...	...	40	3	10			
							82	0	8
<i>„ Women's Missionary Association—</i>									
Balance of Ladies' House and Girls' School at Formosa							1,393	15	0
							15,525	17	4
By Balance overdrawn	...	...	...				3,432	4	5
Carried forward	...	...	...				£18,958	1	9

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

(926)

Dr.		THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND <i>in account</i>				
	Brought forward	...	Dols.	Dols.	£	s. d.
				330.	18,140	8 1
<i>To Singapore Mission Expenses, continued—</i>						
Salary of 1 Teacher	164		
„ 1 Colporteur	37	50	
Rents and Repairs	629	76	
Gharry Expenses	185	10	
Travelling Expenses	115	90	
Books, Tracts, &c., <i>less</i> Sales	42	80	
Medical Account	92	17	
Balance in hand	55	09	
					1652	32
Balance from last account	54	25		
Donations received	14			
Native Contributions	26	50		
Grants for Colportage	78	52		
					173	27
					\$1,479	05 or
					£275	0 0
Extra allowance to Mr. Cook for Expenses	60	0 0		
						335 0 0
<i>„ India Mission Expenses, viz.—</i>						
Dr. Morison's Salary	360	0 0	
„ Travelling Expenses	9	15 8	
Medicines	32	18 0	
Remitted to Miss Bayley	50	0 0	
On Account of Girls' School	30	0 0	
					482	13 8
					£18,958	1 9
„ Balance brought down	3,432	4 5

Sutton Girls'

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. McLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, *February 7, 1885.*

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.*Cr.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				18,958	1	9
				<u>£18,958</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>

School Capital Account.

By Balance from last year still at Credit	1,033	0	0
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E. & O. E.
December 31, 1884

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FUND.

(928)

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT for the Year ending DECEMBER 31, 1884.

Cr.

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries to Oct. 31, 1884—							
Mrs. Ritchie, 1 year	...	150	0	0			
Miss Murray, 9 months	...	112	10	0			
Misses MacLagan, Mann and Scott, 1 year	...	450	0	0			
Misses Butler and Black, 3 months	...	75	0	0			
Passages and Outfits—					787	10	0
Mrs. Ritchie, part of passage home	...	53	8	9			
Miss Black, to and from Belfast	...	3	3	0			
Misses Butler and Black, outfits	...	110	0	0			
Mrs. Morrison, travelling expenses at home	...	10	13	0			
Miss Symington, outfit and passage	...	97	19	9			
Amoy to Oct. 31, 1884—					275	4	6
Repairs to House and School	...	25	16	6			
School Expenses, less Fees	...	51	17	11			
Wages—Teachers, Matron, Biblewomen	...	55	11	7			
Swatow to Oct. 31, 1884—					133	6	0
Part of School Expenses	...	40	3	10			
Wages—Teachers and Biblewomen	...	80	17	7			
Travelling Expenses of Ladies on Mission Work and for Health	...	50	15	6			
Travelling Expenses of Biblewomen	...	2	8	9			
Water, Oil, &c., Ladies' and Biblewomen's Houses	...	16	3	11			
Fire Insurance and Consular Fees	...	9	11	6			
Formosa to Oct. 31, 1884—					200	1	1
Cost of Girls' School and Ladies' House—balance	...	1,393	15	0			
Mrs. Ritchie's Expenses, Baksa and Hong Kong	...	13	8	8			
Female Native Teacher, 6 months	...	3	1	3			
Rampore Bauleah—					1,410	4	11
Towards cost of Girls' School House (collected)	...	305	14	8			
Ditto (Grant)	...	300	0	0			
Towards furnishing Ladies' Houses	...	25	0	0			
Zenana Work (Grant)	...	100	0	0			
Home Charges—					730	14	8
Doctor's Certificates	...	5	5	0			
Printing, Advertising and Chinese Books	...	10	15	8			
"Our Sisters in Other Lands," cost, less Sales	...	23	1	9			

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance in hand from last Account—							
London	...	1,111	4	5			
Amoy	...	29	3	0			
Swatow	...	9	4	5			
Formosa	...	21	6	0			
Donations and Subscriptions—					1,170	17	10
Associations, as per list...	...	1,205	0	0			
Sundries	...	1,483	10	11			
Special for Girls' School at Rampore	...						
Bauleah	...	107	5	10			
Missionary Festival—					2,795	16	9
Liverpool, for Rampore Bauleah	...	198	8	10			
General Fund	...	45	0	0			
Details of Balance in Hand, as per contra.					243	8	10
London—							
Bible Society's Fund	...	72	0	0			
Amoy Biblewomen's House	...	100	0	0			
General Fund	...	416	19	7			
Amoy	...	588	19	7			
Swatow	...	15	17	0			
Formosa	...	24	7	2			
	...	4	16	1			
		£633	19	10			

£4,210 3 5

Balance in hand, as per note *per contra* ...

L. M. ANDERSON, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

A. M. LAWRENCE,
HENRY J. WENHAM, } *Hon. Auditors.*

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Audited and found correct.

ROBT. A. MCLEAN,

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 7, 1885.

Balance brought down

E. & O. F.

December 31, 1881.

JNO. LEGGAT.

Financial Secretary.

To	227 Strand, paid Mrs. Brownley her Moiety of One Year's Rent to Michaelmas, 1884	£	s.	d.
"	Rev. William Ballantyne, Secretary	146	17	6
"	Solicitor's Charge, exhibiting deeds of Freehold	10	0	0
"	Balance transferred to College Fund	2	2	0
		1,418	5	8

By	Balance from last year	£	s.	d.
"	Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Railway and Dock Co. One year on £5,000 4½ % Deb. Bonds, less tax	23	17	5
"	London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, One year on £1,200 4½ % Deb. Bonds, do.	220	5	10
"	Do. One year on £2,060 4 % Stock, do.	52	17	6
"	Gt. Eastern Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	80	13	4
"	Midland Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	39	3	4
"	South Eastern Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Perpetual Deb. Stock, do.	39	3	4
"	London and North-Western Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	39	3	4
"	Do. on £4,000 4 % Perpetual Deb. Stock, do.	156	13	4
"	Gt. Western Railway, One year on £1,965 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	76	19	3
"	Do. on £3,600 5 % Consolidated Preference Stock, do.	176	5	0
"	Gt. Northern Railway, One year on £1,000 4½ % Deb. Stock, do.	39	3	4
"	Caledonian Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	39	3	4
"	Imperial Bank, Limited, One year on 52 Shares, do.	58	10	0
"	London Joint Stock Bank, Lim., One year on 26 Shares, do.	10	3	8
"	Do. on 13 New Shares, do.	123	4	6
"	Union Bank of London, Limited, One year on 53 Shares, do.	10	10	0
"	Do. on 12 New Shares, do.	293	15	0
"	227 Strand, One year's Rent, to Michaelmas, 1884	£1,577	5	2

COLLEGE TRUST CAPITAL ACCOUNT *in account with the* TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

	£	s.	d.
To London Joint Stock Bank —			
4th Instalment on 13 New Shares	...	65	0
5th and final " "	...	65	0
" Union Bank of London—			
4th and final instalment on 12 New Shares	...	84	0
" Purchase of Mrs. Brownley's moiety of No. 227 Strand	4,750	0	0
	4,964	0	0
" Balance in Bank	...	539	7
N.B.—Since December 31, 1884, a sum of £105 has been paid for cost of conveyance, reducing the balance to £434 7s. 7d.			
	£5,503	7	7
By Balance from last year	...	...	...
" Proceeds of Sale of—			
39 London Joint Stock Bank Shares at 40½	£1,569	15	0
53 Union Bank of London Shares at 38½	2,053	15	0
12 Do. New Shares at 37½	453	0	0
52 Imperial Bank Shares at 18½	949	0	0
	5,025	10	0
Less Broker's Commission ½ %	25	12	0
	4,999	18	0
" New Endowment Fund, donations received during year	156	12	7
" Union Thanksgiving Fund...	...	154	10
	£5,503	7	7
By Balance brought down	...	...	...
	£539	7	7

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.
December 31, 1884.
E. & O. E.
Audited and found correct, ROBT. A. MCLEAN, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 7, 1885.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS FUND.

(932)

THE SCHOLARSHIPS FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For year ended DECEMBER 31, 1884.

Cr

To paid Holders of Scholarships, as under—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hamilton—						
Mr. E. W. E. Franks	...	40	0	0	...	...
Duncan—						
Mr. R. C. Gillie	...	25	0	0	...	...
Robertson—						
Mr. Geo. P. Paulin	...	30	0	0	...	...
Anderson—						
Mr. Henry Neill	...	30	0	0	...	...
Gillespie—						
Mr. George Samuel	...	50	0	0	...	...
Muter—						
First year, Mr. E. J. Gilchrist	...	30	0	0	...	...
Second year, Mr. W. Douglas Reid	...	30	0	0	...	...
Third year, Mr. Thomas O. Scott	...	30	0	0	...	...
McKerrow—						
Mr. W. David Wright	...	20	0	0	...	...
Newcastle—						
Mr. C. H. Purdy	...	25	0	0	...	...
Crichton—						
Mr. George M. Storrar	...	25	0	0	...	...
Expenses—						
To Paid Advertising, as under—						
In "Presbyterian"	...	4	16	0	...	...
" " "Messenger"	...	3	10	0	...	...
" " "Edinburgh Daily Review"	...	1	13	1	...	...
" " "Glasgow Daily Mail"	...	1	13	1	...	...
" " "Liverpool Mercury"	...	1	13	1	...	...
" " "Manchester Guardian"	...	1	13	1	...	...
" " "Newcastle Chronicle"	...	1	13	1	...	...
" " "Printing Lists of Scholarships, &c."	...	5	0	0	...	...
" " "Rev. W. Ballantyne's Expenses"	...	3	0	0	...	...
					24	5
					5	5
					9	1
					8	
Balance in Bank	...	...	...	...	...	...
					£368	7
					1	

Audited and found correct,

ROBERT A. MCLEAN,

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 7, 1885.

F. & O. F.

London, December 31, 1884.

JNO. LEGGAT.

Financial Secretary.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
To Grants	...	...	...
" Proportion of Office Charges	...	...	...
" Travelling Expenses	...	...	...
" Synod Printing	...	...	...
" College Rent	...	...	...
" Pew Notices	...	...	...
" Sabbath School Expenses	...	...	...
" Higher Instruction Scheme Expenses —	...	...	...
Prizes	£24	0	4
Certificates and Diplomas	10	19	4
Medals	16	9	9
Syllabus and Circulars	48	11	2
Examination Papers and Stationery	10	13	4
Postage and Carriage	8	1	7
	118	15	6
Balance in Bank	...	...	...
	339	1	0
	203	3	1
	£542	4	1
Audited and found correct,			
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 7, 1885.	ROBT. A. MCLEAN, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.		
By Balance from last year	...	...	...
" Congregational Contributions —	...	...	...
Presbytery of Berwick	...	...	...
Birmingham	...	...	...
Bristol	...	...	...
Carlisle	...	...	...
Darlington	...	...	...
Liverpool	...	...	...
London	...	...	...
Manchester	...	...	...
Newcastle	...	...	...
Northumberland	...	...	...
" Sabbath Schools	...	...	...
" Donations	...	...	...
" Donations on account of Prizes	...	...	...
Balance brought down	...	...	...
	£542	4	1
	203	3	1
JNO. LEGGAT, Financial Secretary.			
E. & O. E. December 31, 1884.			

SYNOD FUND.

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JNO. LEGGAT, *Financial Secretary.*

H. & O. F.

December 31, 1884.

Dr. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.—PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, 1884. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Rent	118	12	4½
" Salaries	114	19	6
" Interest			
" Postages and Carriage			
" Sundry Expenses, Stationery, &c.	804	11	1
By Balance from last account			
Less amount transferred to Capital			
" "Messenger" account—			
By Sales	620	10	9
" Advertisements	176	14	6
" Stock in hand	7	5	10
Less Paper and Printing	598	18	1
" Editing	50	8	0
" Stock at end of 1883	5	0	8
" "Children's Messenger" account—	654	6	9
By Sales	500	11	0½
" Advertisements	31	9	11
" Stock in hand	37	17	6
Less Paper and Printing	389	3	3
" Stock in hand end of 1883	29	10	6
" Trading account—	418	13	9
" Sales	3,419	2	10½
" Stock in hand	751	18	9½
Less Purchases (including Stock in hand at end of 1883	4,171	1	7¾
	3,714	3	1½
	456	18	6½
" Balance brought down	£762	0	5½
	93	16	9¾

See Balance Sheet on next page.

Dr. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.—BALANCE SHEET, December 31, 1884. Cr.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.	ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
To Capital Account, December 31, 1883	...	235	0	6	By Stock "Messenger"	...	7	5	10
Amount transferred from Profit and Loss	...	114	19	6	"Children's Messenger"	...	37	17	6
Loan from Bankers	...	350	0	0	"Shorter Catechism"	...	28	2	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
"Accounts due by the Committee	...	200	0	0	Books and Sundries	...	723	16	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
		1,291	3	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	Office Stationery	...	20	10	4
		1,841	3	9 $\frac{1}{4}$			817	12	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Profit and Loss	...	93	16	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	"Office Furniture"	...	30	0	0
		1,935	0	7	"Accounts due to the Committee"	...	1,021	6	6
					"Cash in hand"	...	66	1	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
							£1,935	0	7

Certified to be in accordance with the Books and Vouchers,

R. A. McLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor,*

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, April 16, 1885.

OFFICE CHARGES in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

Dr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1884.

Cr.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries	893	16	7	By Sustentation Fund	...	35%	370 19 11
"Rent, Cleaning, and Fires	167	14	9	"Foreign Missions	...	20%	211 19 11
"Postage and Receipt Stamps	60	16	2	"Home Mission	...	10%	106 0 0
"Stationery and Printing	26	7	11	"Jewish Mission	...	3%	31 15 11
"Financial Secretary's Guarantee Premium	10	0	0	"Continental Churches	...	1%	5 6 1
"Auditor's Fee for 1883	21	0	0	"College Fund	...	6%	63 12 0
"Repairs and Furnishing	18	8	1	"Instruction of Youth	...	1%	5 6 1
"Telegrams	1	9	0	"Church Building and Aid and Loan Funds	...	4%	42 7 11
"Directory	1	5	0	"Aged and Infirm Ministers	...	1%	10 12 0
"Cheque Book and Bank Commission	6	4	9	"Widows and Orphans	...	2%	53 0 0
"Gas	1	1	6	"Synod Fund	...	15%	158 19 11
"Insurance	0	6	0				
"Sundry Incidental Expenses	2	1	6				
	£1,210	11	3	"Interest on Overdrawn Account	...	100%	1,059 19 9
							150 11 6
							£1,210 11 3

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. McLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 7, 1885.

E. & O. E.

December 31, 1884.

JNO. LEGGAT

Financial Secretary.

SUMMARY OF SYNODICAL FUNDS.

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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FOR SYNODICAL FUNDS.

	1884.			1883.			1882.			1881.			1880.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sustentation Fund :—															
Aid from Congregations, and Donations	5,600	8	8	5,895	9	10	6,137	12	1	6,025	14	10	6,177	14	2
Scottish Subsidy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	142	6	5	546	17	9
Reserve Fund	800	17	3	764	8	11	727	8	2	222	1	2	100	0	0
Mutual Interest	6,401	5	11	6,659	18	9	6,865	0	3	6,390	2	5	6,824	11	11
Home Mission	1,586	1	0	2,798	3	0	1,960	8	11	2,042	13	1	2,136	15	10
Church Building and Aid and Loan Funds	832	16	5	1,096	15	3	210	8	6	379	15	8	261	15	7
Foreign Missions	17,131	4	1	16,425	0	7	16,662	7	10	13,013	2	2	13,240	5	7
Jewish Mission	859	1	1	881	16	4	900	15	3	803	12	10	838	0	10
Continental Missions	498	10	8	528	12	9	613	5	8	944	1	4	310	11	10
Aged and Infirm Ministers	362	3	8	300	1	2	301	3	11	303	0	8	283	15	2
Widows and Orphans	3,470	7	8	3,139	15	10	3,967	12	8	2,605	3	9	2,849	8	1
College	3,402	7	0	3,478	2	4	12,865	15	5	5,838	17	3	3,033	1	6
Scholarships	365	15	2	395	14	2	408	4	5	362	8	8	458	10	11
Instruction of Youth	261	12	11	268	3	9	158	9	3	154	19	5	180	8	5
Synod Fund	1,404	19	3	1,372	12	5	1,364	11	0	1,266	19	11	1,201	16	8
Union Thanksgiving Fund	—	—	—	232	0	0	4,118	16	4	1,384	12	0	3,302	15	6
	36,576	4	10	37,576	16	4	50,396	19	5	35,489	9	2	34,921	17	10

OVERTURES, &c.

OVERTURES AND OTHER PAPERS TRANSMITTED BY PRESBYTERIES.

I.

OVERTURES.

I. ON PROVISION FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

From Presbytery of Newcastle.

1. At Newcastle, the third day of March, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five years; which time and place the Presbytery of Newcastle being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

Rev. J. Parker moved the adoption of the following Overture:—

‘Whereas the grant of £40 per annum to invalided and aged and infirm ministers, is altogether inadequate for their support, and their number increasing year by year, the Presbytery of Newcastle humbly and respectfully overtures the Synod to adopt measures for adding largely to the existing Capital Fund, either by collections, or subscriptions, or both, so as to make the annual grant £50 or £60 as soon as possible.’

Rev. R. Leitch seconded the motion, and it was unanimously agreed to; Revs. J. Parker and R. Leitch with Mr. J. Imrie being appointed to support the Overture before the Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Newcastle by

JAMES MACKENZIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

2. At Newcastle, the seventh day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five years, which time and place the Presbytery of Newcastle being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

The Rev. J. B. Meharry reported on the quarterly meetings of the Synodical Committees, and the Clerk read extract minutes, showing that the application of the Rev. J. R. Howat for a grant from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund had not been granted, as the papers did not show that he was ‘permanently invalided.’ In consequence of this decision of the Committee, the Clerk asked leave to submit the following Overture:—

‘Whereas the rules regulating the administration of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund restrict the granting of annuities to brethren who are “permanently incapacitated” for labour;

‘Whereas this restriction involves great hardship to brethren, who, though not “permanently incapacitated” for active service, are yet compelled to resign their charges through ill-health;

‘The Synod is respectfully overtured by the Presbytery of Newcastle to take the premises into consideration, and to amend the rules, as in its wisdom may seem desirable and necessary.’

Leave having been granted, he moved its adoption and transmission. This was unanimously agreed to, and Revs. J. Mackenzie and J. Thompson were appointed to support it before the Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Newcastle by

JAMES MACKENZIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

II. ON CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE.

From the Rev. J. B. Meharry, through the Presbytery of Newcastle.

At Newcastle, the seventh day of October, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four years; which time and place the Presbytery of Newcastle being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

The Rev. J. B. Meharry moved the adoption of the following Overture, of which he had given notice:—

- ‘Whereas marriage is both a religious and a civil contract;
- ‘Whereas its solemnisation as a religious contract is an office of religion;
- ‘Whereas ordained ministers are, and have been, the only and authorised celebrants in the Presbyterian Church, wherever situated;
- ‘Whereas a novel claim has been recently set up and acted upon, that marriage may be celebrated by other than ordained ministers;
- ‘The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet in London in 1885, is hereby overtured to take these premises into consideration, to disallow said claims, and by a deliverance on the subject to prevent any departure in the future from the universal custom and practice of the Presbyterian Church.’

Rev. J. G. Potter seconded the motion. Rev. Dr. Milligan moved that the Presbytery do not adopt the Overture, and Rev. George Bell seconded this. After debate the vote was taken, when it appeared that 25 voted against the adoption of the Overture, and 15 in favour. On the amendment being voted upon as the substantive motion, the numbers were the same; Dr. Milligan’s motion thus became the finding of the Court. Mr. Meharry then asked the Court to transmit the Overture to the Synod in his own name: this was agreed to.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Newcastle by

JAMES MACKENZIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

III. ON DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

From the Rev. A. L. Henderson, through the Presbytery of Newcastle.

At Newcastle, the seventh day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five years, which time and place the Presbytery of Newcastle being met and duly constituted,

Inter alia,—

The Rev. A. L. Henderson submitted the following Overture, of which he had given notice:—

- ‘Whereas the Westminster Directory of Public Worship is of historical and actual importance to the services of the Presbyterian Church;
- ‘Whereas while it has been maintained in use by others of the Presbyterian Churches, it has not been so maintained in this Church;
- ‘It is therefore humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Newcastle to the very Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, meeting in London in 1885, to take these premises into consideration, with a view to recommending the use of the Directory to the Church, with such additions and emendations thereto, as in its wisdom it may see fit to provide.’

Its adoption was seconded by Rev. J. Thompson. The Clerk moved that it be not adopted. This was seconded by Mr. R. Collie. On the vote being taken, 21 voted

for the amendment and 21 for the motion. The Moderator declining to give a casting vote, the motion was declared not to be carried. Mr. Henderson then asked the Court to transmit the Overture in his own name, which was agreed to.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Newcastle by

JAMES MACKENZIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

IV. ON RELATIONS WITH CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

From Presbytery of London.

At the College, Queen Square House, the fourteenth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eight-five years, at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The following Overture was submitted by Rev. Dr. Fraser, and cordially adopted :—

- ‘ Inasmuch as a correspondence and a communication by deputation have passed between the Presbytery of London and the Committee of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, regarding the maintenance of a good fraternal feeling between the two Denominations :
- ‘ It is hereby overtured by this Presbytery to the Synod about to assemble, to pass a declaration and resolution in such terms as the following :—
- ‘ That the Synod hereby declares that no Court of this Church, or individual members thereof, ought to take proceedings, or encourage or assist any person or persons in taking proceedings to deprive any congregation or body of trustees in connection with the congregational denomination of the possession or user of any Chapel, School, or Trust Funds, of which such Trustees or Congregation shall have had continuous and uninterrupted possession for a number of years.
- ‘ This declaration is not based on any legal consideration, but springs from a desire to avoid anything which might disturb the fraternal relations of two religious denominations which seek to serve one common Lord and Master, and make both stronger for the work of advancing the Redeemer’s kingdom, by the removal of possible grounds of controversy.’

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BAILANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

V. ON PRINTING AND CIRCULATING PAPERS IN CASES PRIOR TO THE HEARING OF THE SAME.

From Presbytery of London.

The College Hall, Queen Square House, the twenty-first day of April, One Thousand eight hundred and eighty-five years, at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. J. Eckles Russell, and agreed to, that the following Overture be transmitted to the Synod, viz. :—

- ‘ Whereas it is highly expedient to protect the dignity and preserve the authority of the Courts of the Church in their judicial procedure :
- ‘ It is hereby overtured by the Presbytery of London to the Synod now ensuing to enact as follows :—
- ‘ That no document in the form of petition or complaint addressed to any Court of the Church may be printed prior to the hearing of the cause, except by permission or direction of the Court ; and that, in the event of parties disregarding this rule, and sending printed copies of a petition or complaint, or letters relating thereto, to Members of the Court, or publishing the same through the newspaper press, with a view to influence the decision in the cause, the said parties shall be liable to censure, and shall also be liable to forfeit the right of petition or complaint.’

The Overture was transmitted accordingly, and the Rev. Dr. Fraser was appointed to appear in support of it at the Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

II.

PROPOSALS FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,

CONCERNING TRUST DEEDS FOR OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.

At the College Hall, Queen Square House, on the tenth day of March, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

Mr. George B. Bruce, on behalf of the Committee on Church Extension, submitted the following proposals respecting Title Deeds for the Churches to be built at Oxford and Cambridge, viz :—

‘ The Model Trust Deed is in the main to be adopted, but it is to be modified so as to secure the following conditions :—

- ‘ 1. The Title Deeds are to be made out in favour of Trustees, who are to be appointed by the Synod, and hold the property on behalf of the Synod or Supreme Court of the Presbyterian Church of England.
- ‘ 2. When the number of Trustees is reduced below four, additional Trustees are to be appointed by the Synod or Supreme Court.
- ‘ 3. The Synod shall each year appoint a Standing Committee to advise with the Session of the Congregation.
- ‘ 4. Power to supply the pulpit during a vacancy, and also the power to nominate a minister to the pastoral office in the Congregation shall be vested in the said Standing Committee of Synod; but any such nomination shall only take effect in the settlement of a minister on the concurrence of the Congregation as represented by its members in full communion being obtained. For this purpose a Congregational Meeting shall be called, and the majority voting at such meeting shall decide.
- ‘ 5. In the event of any difference between the Congregation and the said Committee of Synod in regard to the choice of a minister, the matter shall be referred to the Synod, whose decision shall be final.
- ‘ 6. Right is reserved to the Synod, in the event of the College being removed to , to make such alterations in the arrangements as, in the judgment of the Synod, such a removal of the College may render necessary or desirable.
- ‘ 7. With the exceptions before enumerated, the provisions of the “ Model Trust Deed ” and the “ Book of Order ” are to apply to the property and the Congregation described in this Deed.’

Mr. Bruce having addressed the Presbytery, concluded by moving as follows, viz :—

‘ That the proposals now submitted from the Church Extension Committee be approved by the Presbytery, and that they be transmitted to the Synod indicted to meet in London on the 27th of April next, in order that the Synod may sanction their insertion in due form in the Title Deeds of the Churches to be erected at Oxford and Cambridge.’

The motion was seconded by the Rev. C. Moinet, and agreed to; and the proposals were transmitted accordingly.

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WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

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